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**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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THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ORSETT, BULPHAN AND HORNDON - ON - THE - HILL

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Rector's Reflections

During lockdown, the Southend Boys and Girls Choirs, along with past members, gathered online to record the song 'We are One,' by Brian Tate, to raise money for NHS charities. The words are:

When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one.
When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run, we are one.
And we shall love one another with all our hearts,
And we shall care for each other with all our soul & our might.
When we stand, when we fall, when we rise we are one.
We are one in the cold, in the heat, in the dark, in the sun, we are one.
When we're hurting one another, that's the way we hurt ourselves.
With our sisters and our brothers, we will rise.
And we do, and we try; we must live or we die.
We will reach, we will climb, we will rise, we will fly, we are one.
And these words shall be forever within our hearts.
And we shall teach them to our children and remember them in our lives.
When we walk, when we sleep, when we rise, we are one.
When we laugh, when we sing, when we cry, when we run.
We are strong, we belong, we are one!

It was a great opportunity for these young people to engage and work together in a really positive project.

I have noticed over the past couple of months, in some instances, morale begin to wane as, understandably, people acknowledge the reality of the fact that there is not a quick fix to the coronavirus. And, at this time, it is so important to remember that, as a global and local people, we are one. This isn't to deny our unique God-given characteristics as individuals, communities and churches. But we are facing challenging times and the way we will get through it is to recognise our connectedness and our interdependence.

For priests, especially when faced with difficult decisions, it can sometimes be a lonely road, particularly when people grumble that things aren't as they would like them to be, or as they once were. It is, of course, crucial to ask questions and reflect, and sometimes this means all of us being prepared to be challenged about our own views or ways of doing things, in order to grow and move forward. That is part of being a Christian and a church. But it is also important, as people of God, to aspire during these times to be a 'can do' people. Most of us are encouraged and energised by having 'can-do' people around us; I know I need such people to support and assist me in my role. If we remain a 'can do' people, we will be a 'can-do' church as I hope we have been through the past few months.

I believe, with God's help, we can work together, as one, to be a 'can-do' people, locally, and globally. In this Benefice we have provided 1.5 tonnes of food to the foodbank since March and I am hopeful that we can increase our donations this month when we would, otherwise, have been having Harvest collections at church. Let's aim to collect the same amount of, if not more, food this October than before. We have also been having some discussions recently about our church governance structures which have resulted in some very honest, challenging and, sometimes, painful discussions, but which have culminated in some very positive mutual support as we find new ways of being community and working together. Can I encourage you all, as we move forwards in these unprecedented times, to remember that God calls us, to work together as one, as a 'can-do' church, in the power of his comforting, challenging and 'can-do' Holy Spirit.

With love and prayers for all of you. God bless,
Sue



THE BENEFICE REGISTERS

Weddings

14th September	Robert Matthew Baldwin & Lorraine Frances Holbrook	(H)
25th September	William Travis & Kathryn Finnis	(O)
26th September	Jack Timothy Denham & Paula Rozanne Exeter	(B)

Funerals

4th September	Brian Ernest Fisher (88)	(O)
15th September	John Edward Green (93)	(H)
21st September	Jeffrey Robert Woolgrove (73)	(B)

Interment of Ashes

11th September	Sylvia Alice Gilbert (94)	(H)
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Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:
Orsett, Bulphan or Horndon churches,
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HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

In my last report in March I was hoping for a quick resolution to the Covid-19 problem, yet some six months down the line we all still need to be careful in order that we don't catch or spread the virus.

As I write the government has just introduced more restrictions including the "rule of six". Whilst the information from government can seem confusing at times we must act in order to prevent a dangerous second wave as best we can.

Once the necessary Covid-19 risk assessments and precautions were made and carried out we have been able to open the Church for services which now take place in Horndon and Orsett on alternate Sundays at 10am. These services will follow a pattern of Communion, Family service and Morning praise (See website for full details)

Please remember to bring a face covering when you come to services.

The Church is also open on Tuesday and Saturday mornings between 10am and noon for quiet reflection and prayer, as usual, all are welcome. We are unable to provide refreshments at the moment I'm afraid.

During "Lock down" we were delighted and extremely grateful that a number of people from the village donated their time, lawn mowers and other gardening equipment to keep our Church grounds and cemetery looking so wonderful during the past months. This kind assistance was especially helpful as the summer "growing season" is always a busy time for those who tend to the grounds. I'm very pleased that the weather was so clement this year, which I hope made this hard work a little easier for our intrepid gardeners (although now, in September, a little rain may be handy!). Thanks again.

If you have got the gardening bug you can adopt a part of the Church grounds to tend. Please ask your Churchwardens for details.

Thanks also to all of you who have visited or been there for visitors to our Church over the course of these past few months. We appreciate the kindness you show to others and the time which you give so freely.

Hoping for happier and more reassuring days ahead.

God Bless

Alastair



Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

The past month has been unusually busy and quite a shock to the Lockdown Mentality, which in my case still prevails. A safe distanced and masked PCC meeting raised a number of outstanding issues that needed attention. First up was maintenance of the fire extinguishers. Done! Next, testing of Portable Appliances. Done! Then replacing the bell rope. Done! The following day, strimming the conservation area. Done! The same day resurfacing the church path. Done!

It sounds easy, but everything takes time and effort from people and we are indebted to Steve Woodward from Horndon for many hours P.A.T. testing our electrical appliances.

The old bell rope was replaced with a good conditioned second hand one, free of charge by David Sloman, the bells consultant for the Diocesan Advisory Committee. Installing the replacement rope was a real challenge, because it had to be spliced to the old rope and pulled up to the belfry through a hole in the ceiling. A very small hole that was too small for the splice. After a lot of jiggery-pokery and head scratching it was eventually teased through and connected. What should have taken half an hour took hours and we couldn't even give David a cup of tea.

Les Naulls and Steven Nicholls did the strimming and removed all the arisings. The conservation area now looks very tidy and is well prepared for next year's growth; thank you Les and Steven.

Having undertaken their preparation works the preceding week, Edward Anderson & Co resurfaced the path and given the awkward situation of the path's kerbs did an excellent job. The Macalle family sponsored this work most generously and I have dedicated a second page to this wonderful gesture.

Then there was the Annual Parochial Church Meeting! This took place on Sunday morning the 20th of September in church. With everyone masked and safely distanced it felt slightly surreal, but then doesn't everything at the moment? There are no changes to report and we all continue for the remainder of the church year.

Be safe and keep well and pray for those you love.

Orsett

Churchwarden's Report

What a strange time we are living through, things are difficult, different and we are having to think about everything we do. There are also some positives we have learnt about the things we value: family, friends and worship to name a few. Some have learnt new skills and hobbies and we are communicating more with technology. It is so important to hear a friendly voice or receive kind e-mails; it just brightens your day. This will become even more important as the nights get darker and feel longer for those living alone.

It is so wonderful to be back in church, we have carefully risked assessed the services and Rector Sue and Max are working hard to make services, meaningful and enjoyable. The social distancing means that the social aspects of the services are more difficult, but it still great to see our church family come together, and welcome new families. Harvest was at Orsett this year and Jackie did a marvellous job with the flowers. Janet McCheyne was playing making it a bright service. There was plenty to give thanks for and it was lovely to be able to give to the Food Bank. The Food Banks are in great need of donations to support those that have fallen on hard times during this virus.

There are reduced services for the autumn this year but we have tried to ensure that most needs are covered. There should be a services for you and there is still plenty of room to welcome you even at a safe distance, so it would be lovely to see you. Service details can be found elsewhere on this website.

I would also like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all those that have worked so hard to keep the church and grounds so amazing throughout this difficult time.

Many blessings,

Janet Wilkins

There is just one more thing to note: the Book of Remembrance at Orsett will go away for editing in November. If there is anyone that wishes to have an entry in there please can you send your request to me by 23rd of October; my email address is jvw555@yahoo.co.uk



All Souls' Remembrance Service
Sunday November 1st at 4.00pm
St. Peter & St. Paul Horndon-on-the-Hill

Invitations will be given to those who have lost loved ones during the past year, however due to Covid-19 attendance will be restricted and safe distancing strictly observed.



Prayer Diary

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

September 1st	For those living on Oxford Road, Horndon
September 2nd	For our Bishop, John Perumbalath, his wife Jessy and their family
September 3rd	For those living on Brentwood Road, Bulphan
September 4th	For those living on Fen Lane, Orsett
September 5th	For those starting at new schools
September 6th	For those living on Pump Street, Horndon
September 7th	For those living on Welling Road, Orsett
September 8th	For those living on Medbree Court, Orsett
September 9th	For the Deanery of Thurrock
September 10th	For the Church of England schools in our villages
September 11th	For those living on Hillcrest Road, Horndon
September 12th	For those living on Lower Dunton Road
September 13th	For those living on Parkers Farm Road, Orsett
September 14th	For those living on Heath Road, Orsett Heath
September 15th	For those in prison
September 16th	For those living on Conway Road, Orsett
September 17th	For those living on Fen Lane, Bulphan
September 18th	For those living on Bonham Drive, Orsett
September 19th	For those in hospital
September 20th	For those living on Wingfield Drive, Orsett
September 21st	For our own prayer lives
September 22d	For members of our congregations who live in Chadwell St Mary
September 23d	For those living on Rowley Road, Orsett
September 24th	For all those dealing with major transitions in their lives
September 25th	For those living on The Parkway, Orsett
September 26th	For those who mourn
September 27th	For those living on Fordham's Row, Orsett
September 28th	For our Methodist and Congregational brothers & sisters
September 29th	For those living on Herga Hyll, Orsett
September 30th	For our Rural Dean, Darren Barlow

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VICTIMS OF THE CORONA VIRUS
AND THE FRONT LINE WORKERS WHO CARE FOR THEM**

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O king of night and day?

More safe am I within thy hand
Than if a host did round me stand.

— *St Columba*

Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan

Interdenominational

Church Road, Bulphan

www.zhm100.wix.com/zionhallmission

Restarting services Sunday 4th October 2020

Excepting further Covid -19 restrictions, we are very pleased to announce that we are planning to restart our services. A risk assessment has been carried out see below.

We offer a warm welcome to all at our services

October 4th	6:30 pm	
October 11th	6:30 pm	Harvest Service
October 18th	6:30 pm	
October 25th	TBC	

We have a small building and Covid-19 distancing measures means that capacity is limited to a congregation of nine. Please let the Secretary know if you are planning on coming to our services also for the last Sunday of each month, please call to confirm that there will be a service going ahead.

In common with other places of worship:

- Face coverings are to be worn at all times
- Observe social distancing at all times
- Please sanitise your hands upon entering and leaving the building
- For 'track and trace' purposes please sign in on the sheet provided

Handwashing facilities are available in the vestry

We are also planning on having a Harvest service on the 11th October. If you bring any produce please ensure this is packeted or tinned with a long shelf life.

For any information on our church or any of our services contact the secretary:

Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This Christmas the Benefice will be supporting **Link to Hope** shoebox appeal. **Link to hope** delivers gifts to desperately needy **children, families** and the **elderly**. When delivering shoeboxes this organisation often encounters people living in appalling conditions and provides further aid to ease their misery.

If you would like to make a shoebox gift, but due to the pandemic are unable to get to the shops to purchase items, the charity will make a gift on your behalf if you send a monetary donation.

More information and a video on how to get involved is available on their website at:

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2020/>

Thank You!

ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP



“Hurrah for Songs of Praise!” exclaimed Edward Bear as he watched a Harvest Festival service on the TV on Sunday, showing churches before the lockdown full of people all shapes and sizes singing heartily all the old familiar Harvest hymns. Edward Bear particularly likes “Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest home, all is safely gathered in, ‘ere the winter storms begin”. Edward Bear thinks he is very lucky to live in our farming community where he can see the ploughing, planting, growing and harvesting. One of his farmer friends told him this year the harvest was very early. Edward Bear hopes you like the picture he found to share with everyone of the harvest all “gathered in”.



St Giles and All Saints are supporting Thurrock FoodBank so Edward Bear wanted to help too; here’s a photo of him with his shopping trolley full of food to share.

It’s very good that we are supporting Thurrock FoodBank at Harvest but Edward Bear is anxious that we don’t forget the places where there is huge shortages of food. Keeping up with news from Save The Children, Edward Bear read that before the end of the year 67,000 children will die of hunger and malnutrition; and on average in sub Saharan Africa 426 children die each day because of Coronavirus; and devastating floods and swarms of locusts have destroyed crops. Such sad news – please pray and help if you can.

This harvest grace can be sung to the (most recent) tune of Thomas the Tank Engine:

There’s two, there’s four, there’s six, there’s eight harvest foods upon my plate, red and green, and brown and blue, meat and fruit and veggies too!

All our Sunday lunch today came from fields so far away, so we thank our God, who sends harvest, food and friends.

Did you know that 4 October is World Animal Day? As an animal himself, Edward Bear is very pleased that this day is celebrated on the feast day of St Francis, the animal’s patron saint. He would love to hear if you do something special for your animals on that day!

Edward Bear would also love to hear from his friends – send us your summer photos, or comment when he shares his stories and photos: <https://www.facebook.com/Orsett-Edward-Bear-Toddler-Group-1824091051224579/>

Edward Bear, Di, Gill, and Sandra



Bulphan WI

For our virtual meeting in September we were joined by Thurrock TerraCycle coordinator Sara Santiano who informed us about all the items that TerraCycle recycle that can't go in our blue bin, you can find a list of these on the TerraCycle website and Facebook page.

Our next speaker was Lynn Aben Thurrock Council's Recycling Project Officer; Lynn explained how Thurrock Council are trying to increase the number of items that are reused and recycled, members gave her several suggestions that might help with this. Lynn was kind enough to judge our competition for a wearable recycled item.

We are hoping to hold our Annual Meeting later this month, this may not happen as we'd originally planned but in good WI tradition we have a plan B at the ready.

Sarah Slater will be joining us in October to tell us all about Sex, Secrets, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court 1660 to 1830, this meeting is open to visitors so if you'd like to come along please get in touch.

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



A Bulphan WI member displays her recycled item



MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union works with, and supports, communities in so many different ways both abroad and here in the UK. Here are a couple of examples from Leeds and Manchester that have been shared on the Mothers' Union Facebook page:

Kidneys and Livers

Mothers' Union members in Leeds have been supporting Leeds Children's Transplant Unit by making livers and kidneys!

When a child is admitted for a liver or kidney transplant they 'Build a Bear' with a brown liver or kidney inserted in the bear to show that it's not working properly. After the transplant the child then operates on the bear and replaces it with a red kidney or liver to show that it is now good.



Below is a photo of a few of the first batch of kidneys and livers made by Mothers' Union members.

Lockdown Poetry and Images Project

The Mothers' Union in Manchester have launched the results of their Lockdown Poetry and Images project. There are five episodes of lockdown poetry and images that were sent by members and friends. Each episode was released on YouTube every Wednesday in September, and the poems are available in booklet format. Why don't you click on the link below and watch and listen:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1WD1a3TpTzU>

Campaigning to influence the Domestic Abuse Bill

You may know that, as a result of coronavirus restrictions, domestic abuse has sadly been referred to as "the second pandemic". The Domestic Abuse Bill has now progressed from the House of Commons to the House of Lords, and the Home Office has produced some draft guidance on implementation. There are still areas that require improvement and the Mothers' Union is campaigning for clarity on those areas such as it is wrong that survivors whose immigration status is unclear cannot access help and support, and therefore risk returning to the perpetrator or becoming destitute. In addition, the Bill does not refer to circumstances where faith can be misused as a justification for abuse – nor to the positive benefit of including faith leaders and communities in signposting survivors to get the right help.

You can make a real difference here by writing to your MP and raising concerns, who in turn will raise issues with the Home Office and colleagues in the House of Lords. Every letter makes a difference!

Getting ready for Christmas!

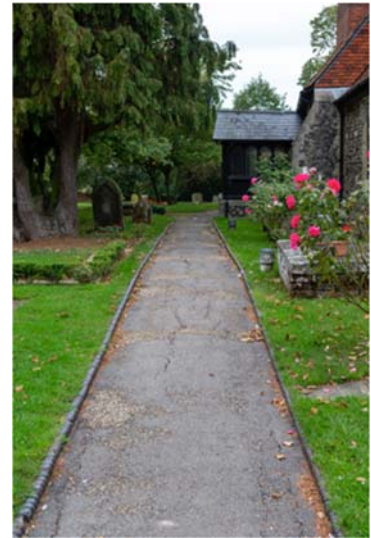
Christmas is coming ... there is a new Mothers' Union Enterprises catalogue out and it's packed with Christmas products, including an extensive and beautifully designed range of Christmas Cards. Why don't you have a look online and see if there is something you fancy? <https://mueshop.org/>

Midday Prayers

Mothers' Union Midday Prayers are now said online (Monday – Saturday) – it really is a joy to be able to join in prayer in this way with thousands of our sisters and brothers across the world. If you haven't joined in yet, please do try: <https://www.facebook.com/MothersUnion>. If you don't have access to the internet then you can still join in by using the Church of England's Daily Hope phone line: 0800 804 8044 and press option 4, then option 8.

Di Bubb, Mothers' Union contact

BULPHAN CHURCH & ITS NEW PATH



Before! A very worn and ugly path with cracks, deformities and trip hazards



Now, thanks to the Macalle family's incredible generosity we have a beautifully resurfaced path, which we hope will serve us well for many years to come.

This will be dedicated to the memory of Eric Macalle and his daughter Ornella Macalle-Grigg.



We also thank Anderson & Co Who did the resurfacing and have now moved to Bulphan Village Hall to resurface the car park.

Black is the new blacktop

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings around the Benefice this month in the past

Births, marriages and deaths as reported during Octobers past in or connected to the Benefice.

Birth

Chelmsford Chronicle 28th October 1949

Hartley - on the 11th October 1949 to Gwen (nee Newland) wife of John, of Horndon on the Hill - a lovely daughter. Grateful thanks to doctor and nursing staff of Orsett Hospital

Death

Chelmsford Chronicle 31st October 1856

26th October Rev Thomas Mills MA Trin Coll Cambridge, late Rector of Bulphan at his residence in Guilford

Chelmsford Chronicle 24th October 1834

14th October Mr Thomas Hallam of Horndon on the Hill aged 78 years

Chelmsford Chronicle 13th October 1837

7th October aged 6, Amelia, eldest daughter of Mr E Tyrell, draper of Horndon on the Hill

Chelmsford Chronicle 28th October 1842

24th October in his 77th year, much respected and deeply lamented by his friends, Mr Mott, of Horndon on the Hill

Essex Standard 6th October 1871

2nd October - Sparks at Great Malgraves, Horndon on the Hill, Elizabeth Ann, wife of James Sparks, veterinary surgeon, aged 69

Essex Standard 223rd October 1874

20th October - William Cobb Cook, of Wyfields Farm, Horndon on the Hill, age 58

Pall Mall Gazette 19th October 1878

14th October Whittington, Henry G, infant son of Rev RT Whittington, Rector of Orsett at Orsett Rectory

Pall Mall Gazette 10th October 1881

3rd October, Whittington, Agnes RM, infant daughter of Rev RT Whittington, at Orsett Rectory

Marriage

Chelmsford Chronicle 15th October 1847

9th October at Orsett by the Rev James Bloomfield, BD, Mr Richard Bunter, of Cranham, to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr Charles Greenaway.

Herts Guardian, Agricultural Journal, and General Advertiser 15th October 1853

On the 4th, at Orsett, Essex, Mr William Ricket, to Eliza, youngest daughter of the late Philip Carter, Esq, formerly of Rainham, Essex

Chelmsford Chronicle 10th October 1856

2nd October at Orsett church, by the Rev J Bloomfield assisted by the Rev DF Baker, Thomas William Offin Esq, of Nevendon, youngest son of the late William Offin Esq of Great Burstead, to Clara Mary, eldest daughter of Mr John Wallis of Orsett, in this county.

Article reporting the marriage of Thomas Offin and Clara Wallis from the Gravesend Reporter, North Kent and South Essex Advertiser dated 4th October 1856:

This busy village was particularly gay on Thursday last, indeed the whole parish seemed to have a holiday in order to testify their respect to Mr John Wallis on the occasion of the marriage of his eldest daughter, with Thomas Offin, Esq, of Nevendon. The morning was beautiful, some of the neighbours had prepared arches of evergreens and flowers. When towards 11 o'clock the carriages drove up at the church gate, the bride and her father being the last to appear. We wish we had a little knowledge in terms of the toilet that we might gratify our fair readers with a description of the bride and her flower maids, but lacking the knowledge we will not attempt it. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. the Rector assisted by his Curate. At the dejeuner Dr and Mrs Corbet, the Rev J Bloomfield, the Rev Dr Fox, Mr Blake etc etc were present. A ball took place in the evening.

Chelmsford Chronicle 24th October 1873

Manning-Tyrell - 18th inst, at the Congregational Chapel, Orsett, by the Rev J Morrison, Thomas Edward, second son of William Stevens Manning, of Loft Hall, Orsett, to Emily, third daughter of Eleazar Tyrell, of Horndon on the Hill

Essex Newsman 26th October 1883

October 23rd at Orsett Congregational Chapel, William Chase to Mary Ann Harris

Devon and Exeter Gazette 23rd October 1914

Squier-Tuckett - On October 18th at Orsett Church, Charles Westwood Squier, 1st Middlesex Yeomanry, of Stone Hall, Bulvan, Essex to Hilda Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs James Tucket, of Whitfields, Orsett, Essex and late of Countess Wear, Exeter

Article reporting the death of Alexander Kerly of Horndon in the Essex Newsman 24th October 1931:

DEATH OF MR A W KERLY

The death occurred on Oct 22 of Mr Alexander William Kerly JP of The Gables, Horndon on the Hill. Mr Kerly who was born in 1858 was the first chairman of the Stanford le Hope and Horndon on the Hill Parish Councils. He served on the Essex County Council for many years, and was made an Alderman, resigning in 1922 on account of ill-health. He did a great deal of useful work, particularly in connection with the Education and Local Government Committees. He had been a Justice of the Peace since 1907. Mr Kerly was head of Messrs Kerly, Sons, and Karuth solicitors of Austin Friars, E.C. His wife predeceased him by about three years, and he leaves no family.

ORSETT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION FIRST MEETING 1841

Article reporting the first meeting of the Orsett Agricultural Association on 12th October 1841, in the Essex Herald dated 9th October 1841. Includes details of prizes and awards to agricultural workers. With respect to the prizes/awards £1 would have a modern value of about £91 and 1 shilling around £4.50. In 1841 adult male agricultural workers would have earned up to £50 per week in a modern day equivalent.

The first meeting of this association was held at Orsett on Tuesday last, when a ploughing match took place in a field belonging to Mr Hunt of that parish. Notwithstanding the very unfavourable state of the weather, there was a very numerous and highly respectable assemblage on the ground, including most of the influential agriculturists of the surrounding neighbourhood; and several other gentlemen, who were unavoidably absent, had signified their unqualified approbation of the object of the society, and their willingness to uphold and support it. The following are the awards of the judges Messrs Hunt, Challis, and Martin, and the rewards of the deserving poor :-

PLOUGHMEN - FIRST CLASS

First,	£1 10s	J Hawkins in the employ of	Mr Ashford
Second,	£1	J Higgs	Mr Sackett
Third,	15s	E Wood	Mr Newcome

SECOND CLASS (*Under 20 years*)

First,	£1	W Knowles in the employ of	Mr Eve
Second,	10s	J Noakes	Mr Turner
Third,	5s	J Mann	Mr Newcome

LABOURERS etc

To the farming servant who shall have worked the greatest number of years without intermission (illness excepted) upon the same occupation, or the same master or mistress,

		Recommended	
£1 0	J Doank	Mr Newcome	42 years
0 15	J Wheal	Mr Turner	30 years
0 5	T Godfrey	Mr W Stevens	27 years

To the female servant who shall have lived the greatest number of years with the same master or mistress,

0 15	A Bennett	Rev E Jones	15 years
0 10	E Smith	Rev G Harrison	6 years

To the married couple, widower or widow, who shall have brought up the largest family without any or the least parochial assistance,

£1 0	H Allard	Mr W Robinson	12 children ... no relief
0 15	W Negus	Mr W Stevens	14 children ... little relief

To the farming servant who shall have subscribed the greatest number of years to an enrolled benefit society,

£1 0	T Godfrey	Mr W Stevens	30 years
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At the close of the proceedings in the field an excellent dinner was served up by mine host at The George Inn (*Orsett*). The Rev T Hand, Rector of Bulphan (in the absence of R Turner Esq, of Chadwell Place, who was prevented from attending from indisposition), presided, Mr Crawter, Esq, filling the office of Vice-President. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts being given, the Secretary, the Rev RA Roper, of Orsett, announced the decisions of the Judges, and the evening was passed in the most convivial and satisfactory manner.

Forest Church

Who would have thought that September could throw a tantrum and send a winter's day on the first of the Benefice's Forest Church services? But undeterred 22 adults and 13 children braved the cold, the wind and the rain in Orsett Churchyard. Here are some photographs from that service.



Making mobiles from twigs
and foraged materials



FAMOUS PERSON IN OCTOBER

Who Was William Penn?

William Penn was the son of an admiral and landowner, and he was educated in theology and the law. In his twenties, he converted to the Quaker religion and was jailed several times for his resistance to the Church of England. In 1681, he received a royal charter to form a new colony in America, to be named Pennsylvania; he envisaged this territory as a peaceful refuge for members of all religious beliefs.

Early Life and Education

William Penn was born in London, England, on October 14, 1644. His father, Sir William Penn, was an admiral and landowner who had been knighted by Charles II; his mother, Margaret Jasper Vanderschuren, was the daughter of a merchant.

Penn was educated at Chigwell School in Essex; he entered Christ Church College (University of Oxford) in 1660, but was expelled for criticizing the Church of England. His father sent him to France, where he studied theology at the Protestant Academy in Saumur. When he returned to England in 1664, he briefly studied law.



Religious Beliefs and Persecution

Penn travelled to Ireland to manage some of his father's property, and it was there that he came into contact with Quaker preachers who inspired him to join their faith. Following his conversion to the Society of Friends, Penn began to fight for greater freedom for this marginalized and frequently persecuted religious group.

In the late 1660s, Penn wrote several works about his new religious beliefs, beginning with *The Sandy Foundation Shaken* (1668), which questioned several basic Protestant doctrines. He was jailed for blasphemy in the Tower of London as a result of this publication. While imprisoned, he wrote *No Cross, No Crown*, another avowal of his faith. He was released in 1669, and he continued to promote the Quaker teachings of self-denial and social reform. Penn was arrested on further occasions, on charges of illegal preaching and inciting a riot. He also made missionary trips throughout England, and to Holland and Germany.

Penn married a Quaker woman, Gulielma Maria Springett, in 1672; the couple had three children together.

Founding of Pennsylvania

By the 1670s, Penn had become a figure of importance in the Quaker community. In 1675, he was asked to resolve a land dispute between Quaker property owners in the American colony of West New Jersey. After settling the dispute, using his legal knowledge and leadership skills, he was chosen to organize the founding of a Quaker colony in America.

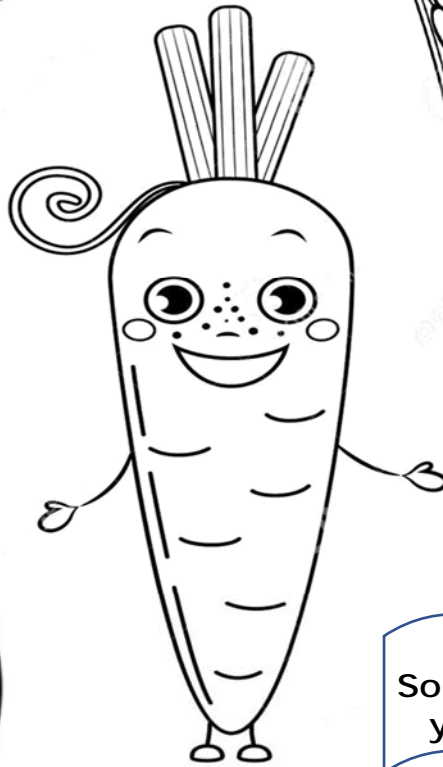
Penn petitioned King Charles II for additional land to the west of the Delaware River, and he received a charter for this territory in 1681. He was made proprietor and governor of the new colony, which the king titled "Pennsylvania," and he moved there in 1682. He immediately began to direct this "holy experiment" by planning the new colony's government, writing its constitution, distributing land to settlers and establishing positive, peaceful relations with the local indigenous people. Penn's *Letter to the Free Society of Traders* (1683) was an account of his early activities in Pennsylvania.

In some ways, Pennsylvania was a quick success: It attracted many Quakers from England and Europe, as well as members of other groups seeking religious tolerance. However, the colony was also beset by financial troubles, border disputes and political conflict. In 1684, Penn returned to England, where his fortunes rose and fell with changes in royal rule. He lived in Pennsylvania again between 1699 and 1701, and revised its constitution during that time; after this stay, he resided in England for the rest of his life, leaving the colony under the management of his secretary, James Logan, and various deputy governors.

Later Years and Death

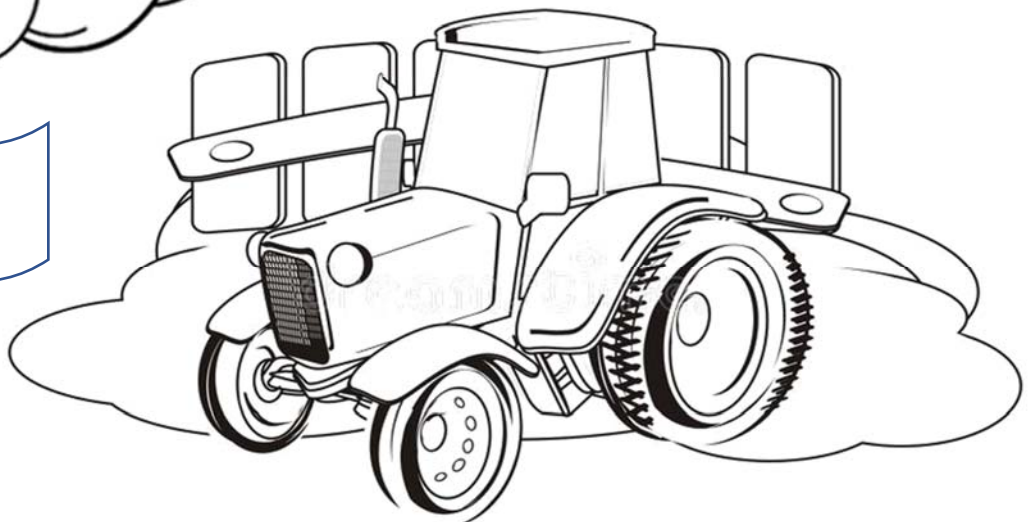
In 1696, Penn married his second wife, Hannah Callowhill, with whom he had seven children (his first wife had died in 1694). His wife assisted him in his proprietorship of Pennsylvania in his later years, especially after he suffered a stroke in 1712. Penn died in Ruscombe, in the county of Berkshire, England, on July 30, 1718.

Harvest and Halloween



Some pictures for
young and old

Print off and
colour in



Puzzle page

Answers Next Month

It happened in October quiz

1. From which Latin number is October named?
2. What is the flower for October?
3. There are two gemstones for October. What are they?
4. What did the UN designated the first Monday in October as?
5. At the beginning of October what is the sign of the Zodiac?
6. Which was the first University to be founded in the USA, in October 1636?
7. What sign of the Zodiac covers the end of October?
8. Which country gained its independence from the Netherlands on 4th October 1830?
9. In what year was the October Revolution?
10. What holiday do Canadians celebrate on the second Monday in October?
11. Which star of the film musical "The King and I" died on 10th October 1985?
12. Which character did Carrie Fisher play in the Star Wars films?
13. The Prince of Wales made the first ever royal broadcast in 7th October 1922 on Radio Station '2LO', that 11 days later change its name to what?
14. In October 1799 HMS Lutine sank off the coast of Holland. The Lutine's bell was salvaged from the wreck in 1859. Where is this bell now found?
15. In which year on the 31st October was the Thames Barrier raised for the first time?

Wordsearch for Harvest

harvest	crops	plenty	feast	farm	tractor	wheat	apples	plums
tomatoes	potatoes	onions	pears	lettuce	beans	cucumber	peas	parsnip
swede	barn	seed	field	orchard				

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Christians used to avoid meat on Fridays – and during fasting periods such as Lent. This was a spiritual discipline that helped them remember they weren't dependent on eating meat. American pastor and author Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove believes fasting is the spiritual discipline we most need to renew today.

Have a Meat Free Monday

It's a good idea – for both the environment and our personal health – to modify our diets to be predominantly vegetable and grain-based, with just a small amount of meat. If that sounds too a big leap for you, then take a first step by having one day a week free from meat. The idea of a 'Meat Free Monday' is about helping people to have one day a week free of meat – although it doesn't have to be a Monday! There's even a website about it. The site isn't just for vegetarians. It's for people who want to experiment with flavours and vegetables and discover they can create exciting colourful meals without always relying on meat. Eating more vegetables is not only good for your health, but also for the planet, as it combats global warming. UN figures suggest meat production puts more greenhouse gases into the atmosphere than transport. www.veganrecipeclub.org.uk www.meatfreemondays.co.uk

Consider avoiding intensively farmed animal products

David Clough's CreatureKind book and project aims to help Christians think about the implications of their faith for their attitudes towards animals and to using them for food. The book has discussion questions for group use. Set up a discussion group at church to read the book together — Lent would be an ideal time. www.becreaturekind.org

Examine guidelines on organic produce

The Soil Association was founded in 1946 by a group of farmers, scientists and nutritionists who observed a direct connection between farming practice and plant, animal, human and environmental health. Today, they claim to be the UK's leading membership charity campaigning for healthy, humane and sustainable food, farming and land use. www.soilassociation.org/whatisorganic

Visit nature's co-op!

Hedgerows are an undervalued resource. Yet they're in danger of being lost from our countryside. That is, if we don't start to appreciate their usefulness as well as their importance for biodiversity and landscape character. The Hedgerow Harvest project seeks to reconnect people to this heritage of free, local, healthy food. www.hedgerowharvest.org.uk

Focus on foraging

There's no such thing as a free lunch – or is there? According to the Woodland Trust, UK woodland has plenty to offer with exciting ingredients for soups, sauces, desserts and tipples found in abundance. With rising prices in the supermarkets – and wider awareness of wild food health benefits – we all might like to have a go at foraging. www.visitwoods.org.uk/en/visit-woods/fornature/Pages/natures-larder.aspx

Seek out an organic veg box scheme

These delivery schemes bring fresh, healthy, organic fruit and vegetables straight to your door. Some allow you to collect your box from a convenient location instead, if you're not at home much. Use this online directory to find a local box scheme near you, support your local organic grower and start enjoying fresh organic veg www.soilassociation.org/boxschemes

Find Fairtrade and organic food

Traidcraft describes itself as the UK's leading fair-trade organisation. Its mission is 'to fight poverty through trade'. They have a unique structure as a trading company and a development charity working together. Fairtrade and organic food is sold through their grocery section. www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

Dive deep into food from the sea

Download the Pocket Good Fish Guide from The Marine Conservation Society. This publication tells you which fish are the best sustainable choices, which fish you should avoid completely, and the fish you can eat just occasionally to limit pressure on their stocks. Safeguard the future of our fisheries and other marine wildlife by only choosing fish from sustainable sources. www.fishonline.org/information/Pocket+goodfishguide

Find out how farmed animals are reared

The 'farm animals' section of the Compassion in World Farming website provides a good overview of the farmed lives of pigs, chickens, cows, sheep, turkeys, fish and rabbits. www.ciwf.org.uk



HOW **NOT** TO WEAR A MASK

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DON'T

Leave your chin exposed

DON'T

Wear the mask below your nose

DON'T

Wear your mask loosely with gaps on the sides

DON'T

Push your mask under your chin to rest on your neck

DON'T

Wear your mask so it covers just the tip of your nose

DO

Wear your mask so it comes all the way up, close to the bridge of your nose, and all the way down under your chin. Tighten the loops or ties so it's snug around your face, without gaps



Most people now follow the requirement to wear a face covering in public places, but a worrying number fail to wear them properly and effectively.

Please, let's do it right!

Wear a face mask properly and protect others and yourself.