

# HOBNOB

*On-line*



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

# November 2020



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

www.hobnob.org.uk Facebook: @HOBNOBchurches

<b>RECTOR</b>	Reverend Sue Mann	email: <a href="mailto:rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk">rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk</a>	01375 891 254
<b>ASSOCIATE PRIEST</b>	Reverend Max Blake	e.mail <a href="mailto:max@hobnob.org.uk">max@hobnob.org.uk</a>	01375 360 522

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND CONTACT DETAILS

### St Giles & All Saints Orsett

Churchwardens	Janet Wilkins	01375 372 067
	Jackie Wood	01375 891 744
Treasurer	Lynn Bennett	
Covenant Secretary	Mark Willett	01375 892 113
PCC Secretary	Vacancy	
Sacristans	Di Bubb	
Vergers	Ed Stoddart	
	George Wood	01375 891 744
Mothers' Union Branch Leader	Di Bubb	01375 891 404
Edward Bear Toddler Group	Di Bubb	01375 891 404
Tower Captain	Judith Church	01375 891 556

### St Mary-the-Virgin Bulphan

Churchwardens	Ron Porter	01375 891 697
	Frank Woollard	01375 891 034
Deputy Churchwarden	Brian Flavell	01708 225 804
Treasurer	Lynda Robertson	01375 892 428
Covenant Secretary	Frank Woollard	01375 891 034
PCC Secretary	Ron Porter	01375 891 697
Parish Room Bookings	Traudi Porter	01375 891 697

### St Peter & St Paul Horndon-on-the-Hill

Churchwardens	Sonia Ward	01375 674212
	Alastair Macrae	01375 673 327
Deputy Churchwarden	Felicity Tarbard	01375 677581
Treasurer	Robin Clark	
Covenant Secretary	Ann Bonson	
PCC Secretary	Beverley Macrae	01375 673 327
Sacristans	Jane Barry. Jane Lothian. Judy Rood.	
	Beverley Macrae	
Vergers	Bill Rayner. Peter Belsham.	

### Benefice Baptism Co-ordinator

Christine Mortimer: <a href="mailto:c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk">c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk</a>	01375 641 485
--	---------------

### Musicians

Jane Barry	07552 199 697
Janet McCheyne	07752 836 902

To arrange Weddings, please contact Rev. Sue Mann on 01375 891 254 or email: [rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk)

# Rector's Reflections

Thank you, so much, for all your harvest gifts and thank you to those of you who have managed to fill a shoebox for our Link to Hope appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As I write, we are approaching All Saints' Day and Remembrance Sunday, for which our services, this year, will be very different from past years but, hopefully, thought provoking and meaningful. In fact, much of what we are doing in church is simplified at the moment and whilst sad that we are unable to accommodate as many people as we would like in services, the simplicity can sometimes draw us back to why we are there in the first place, to the God we worship, and to our dependence upon him. I have recently presided at a few simple weddings with only a handful of people and, in many ways, the minimalistic approach has helped us all to focus upon God and his desire to be an intrinsic part of our lives.

Last month we held our first Forest Church. We were all there in simplicity, in the elements, the wind and a few drops of rain but warmed by a fire and the knowledge that God was with us. The next one will be at Bulphan Churchyard on Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Do come along if you are able and remember to bring something to sit on!

God is with us in whatever we face at the moment. But God also calls us to act on his behalf. At a recent clergy study day led by Bishop John, our Area Bishop, we were reminded that, although we are in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, which we are all hoping and praying will come to an end soon, this doesn't mean that all crises are over; far from it. We are currently also in the middle of an ecological crisis, an equality crisis, a refugee crisis and a homeless crisis, to name just a few. So even when the coronavirus subsides, as Christians and churches, we have a responsibility to work to end all suffering.

With regard to the climate crisis, the Church of England is aiming to be Carbon Neutral by 2030 and our churches in this Benefice have also signed up to become Eco Churches. One of the ways in which we are working towards this is to use less paper. As a result, you will soon be receiving a letter asking if you would consider receiving our online version of the Hobnob magazine instead of a paper copy. Our online magazine has been developed by David Mortimer and Ron Porter and is looking great. If you haven't yet found it, you can find it at [hobnob.org.uk/magazine](http://hobnob.org.uk/magazine) We fully understand that some people need to receive a paper copy because they have no access to technology and that some copies are put in local hostelrys and surgeries etc, but please, if you do have access to technology, do consider the future of our planet, the beautiful world which God has given to us and our responsibility to preserve this for our children's children, when you make your decision.

We are also in the process of considering our service pattern for the future in order to engage with as many people as possible and a questionnaire has been devised to be sent out to everyone on our database. The first one sent out had some problems so is going to be reissued very soon, using a different provider. If you receive this questionnaire, please could I ask you to take a couple of minutes to fill it in. In order for it to serve the purpose for which it was intended, it is important that as many people as possible complete it.

Thank you for your continued help and support and, as always, please be assured of my prayers for you at this time and do let me know of any pastoral needs.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



# THE BENEFICE REGISTERS

## Weddings

16th October

William Raymond Travis & Kathryn Ksenia Finnis (O)

## Funerals

9th October

David Lawson (91) (H)

## Interment of Ashes

11th October

Ethel Metcalf (98) (O)



## Wedding Enquiries

If you would like to enquire about booking a wedding at:  
Orsett, Bulphan or Horndon churches,  
please contact: Revd Sue Mann: 01375 891254  
[rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk)



## Baptism Enquiries

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

**Orsett church**, please contact:  
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485  
[c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk)

**Bulphan church**, please contact:  
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485  
[c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk)

**Horndon church**, please contact:  
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485  
[c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk](mailto:c.mortimer@hobnob.org.uk)



# PRAYER DIARY:

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

November 1st	For the All the Saints we remember today
November 2nd	For the victims of recent natural disasters
November 3rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
November 4th	For the youth of our Benefice
November 5th	For the Orsett Churches' Centre
November 6th	For our Rector Sue Mann
November 7th	For the wonder of our planet
November 8th	For Remembrance Day services around the country
November 9th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
November 10th	For those living in St Giles Close, Orsett
November 11th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
November 12th	For humanitarian organisations working around the world
November 13th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
November 14th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
November 15th	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
November 16th	For Christians in lands where the church is being persecuted
November 17th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
November 18th	For post office and shop staff in Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon
November 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
November 20th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
November 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
November 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
November 23rd	For our farming community
November 24th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
November 25th	For those living in Victoria Road in Horndon
November 26th	For those with positive tests for Covid-19
November 27th	For the hospitals in Orsett, Basildon, and Long Lane.
November 28th	For those living in Mill Lane, Horndon
November 29th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
November 30th	For those living on Doesgate Lane, Bulphan

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

# Orsett

## Churchwarden's Report

As we go into autumn and see nature changing, the promise of long dark evenings and cold dark days give us little to look forward to. If natural things need a break, so they can save energy and prepare to shine then so do we. In the song "in the winter beneath the snow, lies the seed that with the sun's love becomes a rose." The winter gives us time to pause, take stock and after the year we have all had, retreating into our home again appears to be the last thing we want to do. This virus is not finished with us yet, so use the restrictions in a positive way. There are lots of online community groups that you can use to get to know your neighbours and some are quiet fun. There are groups about dog walking habits, whose parking in the best spots and the bargains at the local shops. It adds up to knowing a little more about the people around you and having something to say when you do meet them out on the street.

This month's View Anglican church magazine asked us to "give thanks in all circumstances". Which I thought may be more difficult this year, then I thought of how pleased I was to receive an email or a call from a friend. The family zoom call or Zoom birthdays when more people came than could have attended normally because we are an international family. Going back into church and seeing most people again was a delight. Things are different now and we have to keep washing our hands and following the rules to keep us all safe. The next month has All Souls service which will be held at St Peter and Pauls Horndon-on the Hill on 1st of November and Remembrance service which is at St Giles Orsett on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. These are popular services, so due to the reduced capacity, please take a moment to inform the church wardens if you wish to attend. The United Benefice services continue on a Sunday morning at 10.00 and we are looking forward to welcoming you into these safe places.

Having taken the time to reflect we can see there is lots to give God thanks for. The short days and long nights will not last long so we can be preparing for Christmas, the New Year and new beginnings.

Many blessings,

*Janet Wilkins*



## HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

Dear all

I write this as we are just about to turn the clocks back. Winter is surely on its way.

Although the services at present are not as we would like, I have enjoyed the continuity of sermons that Sue and Max have prepared for us. Despite not socialising after the services it is nice to see our friends from the other churches in the Benefice each week.

We have been busy in recent weeks trying to arrange a Christmas service to accommodate not being able to have a Christingle, Crib and Carol service. Our idea is to have two celebrations (Glow Stick Service) at 4p.m and 7p.m on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December on the Mill Lane side of the Church by the Christmas Tree. This will be limited to 40 people at each time. It will be a free ticketed event. Tickets will be available on a Tuesday and Saturday morning 10-12 from 1<sup>st</sup> December, and be limited to 4 tickets per family. More information will be in our weekly newsletter nearer the date.

Our Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service will be at 8.30pm this year. We are trying a different time; I do hope you will be able to attend.

God, bless you all, keep safe.

Sonia Ward



## Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

I have been labouring under a misapprehension and as a consequence wish to offer an apology: last month when I published an article about the resurfacing of the church path, I correctly identified Anderson & Co as the contractor for this work, but incorrectly said that Andersons would then be moving on to the Village Hall car park, whereas in fact, this contract was awarded to a Horndon-on-the-Hill company, CiK Construction. My sincere apologies to Sarah and Jonathan Mortlock for this error and not wishing to grovel, but what a great job CiK did.

October saw services resume in Bulphan church albeit in a scaled-down way. Covid-19 restrictions limit us to a congregation size of 14, which puts a regular Sunday service in jeopardy. But each first and third Thursday in the month there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10.00am. We have now had two services and both went well and I would particularly like to thank friends from Orsett and Horndon who were able to join us on these occasions. Hitherto, Thursday morning Communion alternated between Orsett and Horndon churches, but both PCCs graciously allowed Bulphan to take these so that we too might have a regular and manageable period of worship. We are most grateful for this, with thanks also to Reverend Sue and Reverend Max for celebrating this service.

This year Remembrance Sunday will be at 2.00pm at the war memorial. There will be no service in Bulphan, just the Act of Remembrance and wreath laying. Jo Goddard has kindly agreed to pipe the Last Post and Reveille.



The next Forest Church will be held in Bulphan on November 14th at 4.00pm. As the name implies, this will be an outdoor service; warm clothing and your own chairs are essential and as the service will commence at sunset, candle lanterns (tea lights in jam jars), will be provided. A good fire in a fire-pit should bring some extra warmth and comfort and if it rains umbrellas could be a good idea. The best location is probably the North side of the church, which is more sheltered and handy for the loo. Needless to say, social distancing will be observed at all times. The last Forest Church was in Orsett and a great success, enjoyed by adults and children alike. Please attend if you are able.

*Ron Porter*

# Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan

## Interdenominational

Church Road, Bulphan

[www.zhm100.wix.com/zionhallmission](http://www.zhm100.wix.com/zionhallmission)

We are very pleased to report that we started our services again on 4<sup>th</sup> October and met throughout the month. We managed to hold a traditional Harvest service on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and although it was a smaller display than other years, we were still able to give thanks in this way. After the service the produce went to the Thurrock Foodbank and we also managed to take up a collection for the RNIB.

We offer a warm welcome to all at our services

November 1 <sup>st</sup>	No service	
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Communion
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30 pm	
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	To be confirmed	

We have a small building and Covid-19 distancing measures means that capacity is limited to a congregation of 9-13 depending on whether attendees are in bubbles. Please let the Secretary know if you are planning on coming to our services and for the last Sunday of each month also please call to confirm that there will 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

For any information on our church or any of our services contact the secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522 or 07786 110413

# THE SCIENCE OF FIREWORKS

Bonfire Night with the traditional fireworks brings Oohs and Aahs as they fizz and explode with a myriad of colours. and shapes But how and why do these things happen?

For a firework to have its desired effect, it requires a series of chemical reactions that usually happen one after another in a short space of time. By adding heat to the equation, it causes a chemical reaction in which solid compounds within the firework begin to burn with the oxygen in the air.

What creates the effects and colours in fireworks? These come from different metal salts that are contained within the fireworks. When these burn, they emit different colours depending on the compound, among these are: Strontium salts for red, Calcium salts for orange, Sodium salts for yellow, Barium salts for green, Copper salts for blue, Copper and Strontium compounds for purple, Aluminium for silver, Zirconium for 'waterfalls' and burning metals like Magnesium for white.

When you go to or see a large display, these are set up by people called Pyrotechnicians. Through their understanding of how fireworks work, they can control when the explosions happen, which, apart from creating a spectacular aerial display, gives them the ability to choreograph a fireworks display so that it is timed to happen during certain parts of a music track or show. This is all based on knowing how much energy is released during an explosion and also knowing how fast that energy gets released. They measure the velocity, launch angle, speed and even air resistance in order to pinpoint exactly where the shells will travel and when they will explode so they can time it just right to the beat of the music. Pyrotechnicians will also work with people who design and make fireworks, to get the desired effects.



Most people will only think of Bonfire Night and New Year's Eve when they think about fireworks. However, the same technology is also used in more practical situations. Flares as used by the military or distress signals, work in almost the same way, although they use even brighter burning compounds such as magnesium, and are designed to burn for much longer. Some of these work underwater.

If anyone is planning to have fireworks at home this year please keep safe and be considerate and respectful of neighbours as many may not enjoy the barrage of ground shaking explosions, no matter how pretty.

# FAMOUS PERSON IN NOVEMBER

## George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans)



*George Eliot was the pen name of Mary Ann Evans, one of the leading English novelists of the 19th century. Her novels, most famously 'Middlemarch', are celebrated for their realism and psychological insights.*

George Eliot was born on 22 November 1819 in rural Warwickshire. When her mother died in 1836, Eliot left school to help run her father's household. In 1841, she moved with her father to Coventry and lived with him until his death in 1849. Eliot then travelled in Europe, eventually settling in

London.

In 1850, Eliot began contributing to the 'Westminster Review', a leading journal for philosophical radicals, and later became its editor. She was now at the centre of a literary circle through which she met George Henry Lewes, with whom she lived until his death in 1878. Lewes was married and their relationship caused a scandal. Eliot was shunned by friends and family.

Lewes encouraged Eliot to write. In 1856, she began 'Scenes of Clerical Life', stories about the people of her native Warwickshire, which were published in 'Blackwood's Magazine'. Her first novel, 'Adam Bede', followed in 1859 and was a great success. She used a male pen name to ensure her works were taken seriously in an era when female authors were usually associated with romantic novels.

Her other novels include 'The Mill on the Floss' (1860), 'Silas Marner' (1861), 'Romola' (1863), 'Middlemarch' (1872) and 'Daniel Deronda' (1876). The popularity of Eliot's novels brought social acceptance, and Lewes and Eliot's home became a meeting place for writers and intellectuals.

After Lewes' death Eliot married a friend, John Cross, who was 20 years her junior. She died on 22 December 1880 and was buried in Highgate Cemetery in north London.



The Mothers' Union is very much alive and embracing the new world in which we find ourselves. Here's a taster of what's been going on recently or planned:

### Mothers' Union Virtual Member Update

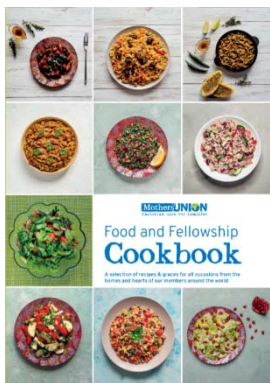


On 20 October 2020 the first Mothers' Union virtual gathering of its kind was held, featuring stories of how the movement is building hope and confidence across Britain and Ireland and around the world. After an opening prayer from the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, there was a keynote talk from Worldwide President Sheran Harper (see photo), snapshots of our projects around the world and contributions from staff and members in the UK and Ireland. The event ended with Midday Prayers. It is still available on the Mothers' Union Facebook page and really is worth watching.

### Mothers' Union Global Day

5th December marks our first ever Global Day when we will say "No More 1 in 3" in response to the statistic that 1 in 3 women worldwide will experience Domestic Abuse in their lifetime. Despite planned events now taking place virtually this year there is plenty to get involved in! We encourage all members to take part in our virtual protest and there are a number of online events free to attend.

### 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. We are delighted that the Food & Fellowship cookbook is currently being printed! The cookbook features a variety of recipes from members and clergy around the world, special prayers and graces and a foreword from our Worldwide President Sheran Harper. This is a lovely reminder of what a global movement we are and will make a lovely gift for friends and family. The cookbook will be priced at just £5.00. Why don't you have a look online and see if there is something you fancy? Don't forget to state that you live within Chelmsford Diocese as this raises additional funds for our Mothers' Union work. <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**

# ALL OUR YESTERDAYS

Happenings around the Benefice this month in the past

1808 Morning Post -  
Tues 8<sup>th</sup> November -

## **Baker Street Mill sale**

Freehold Windmill, Commodious Dwelling House, out-buildings and Land. - To Millers, Corn Chandlers, Bakers, and others.

By Mr P BIGGS, at the Cock and Bell Inn, Romford, Tomorrow Nov 9, at Two o'clock in the afternoon, in One Lot;

Comprising a Capital and very substantial built SMOCK WINDMILL, known by the name of BAKER'S MILL, eligibly situate in Baker's Street, in the Parish of Orsett, in the county of Essex, three miles from Grays and 23 from London, capable of grinding from seven to ten load per week, with a commodious Dwelling house, barn and out-buildings and about five acres of land; the whole in a good state of repair, and in the situation for business presumed equal to any in the County.

May be viewed, and particulars had at the surrounding principal Inns; place of sale; and at Mr Bigg's Estate and Auction Office, Gloucester Terrace, St George's East.

1833 Chelmsford Chronicle -  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> November

## **Canal that never was**

### **PURFLEET AND CHILDERDITCH CANAL**

Along the line of the Mardyke Notice is hereby given that application will be made to Parliament during the next session for an Act to convert the Mardyke into a Navigable Canal or to make a new canal in the line of the Mardyke, together with the necessary feeders, bridges, culverts, reservoirs, locks and drains from Childerditch to the river Thames, near Purfleet and that such canal, feeders, and drains will pass through or near the parishes of Childerditch, Great and Little Warley, Cranham, Dunton, Bulphan, North and

South Ockendon, Orsett, Stifford, Aveley and West Thurrock, all in the county of Essex

STEVENS & WHITE  
12, Hatton Garden  
November 6<sup>th</sup> 1833

*(This plan was abandoned as it was considered that Essex would soon acquire railways)*

## **IN THE COURTS:**

1837 Essex Newsman -  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> November -

### **Unwelcome fireworks**

James Miles, 14 days hard labour, for discharging fireworks at Horndon on the Hill

*(Hard labour would have been tedious but industrious work, such as river dredging, working a water pump, breaking rocks or pointless activities like the crank or the treadmill).*

1849 Essex Standard -  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> November -

### **Baker, illegal weight**

George Allen of Horndon on the Hill, baker, was charged with having in his shop a light 4 lb brass weight. The magistrates convicted him in the penalty of £3 and costs, which he paid.

At the same hearing he was fined a further £5 with costs for using the weight while supplying the Orsett Union with bread for the poor.

*(Today the fines of £3 and £5 would be about £370 and £610 respectively)*

1856 Essex Herald -  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> November -

### **The Swan**

Orsett Petty Sessions 5<sup>th</sup> November

The license of the Swan Inn at Horndon on the Hill was transferred from Charles Robinson, the late, to Daniel Beckwith, the present occupier.

1874 Chelmsford Chronicle -

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> November -

## **Bulphan Church reopening**

BULVAN CHURCH  
RESTORATION

THE LORD BISHOP OF  
ROCHESTER  
HAS FIXED

FRIDAY, November 27<sup>th</sup> 1874

FOR THE OPENING OF THE  
ABOVE NAMED CHURCH

Morning Service at Eleven o'clock

SERMON, BY THE BISHOP  
Followed by the Celebration of  
the Holy Communion

Evening Service at Five o'clock

SERMON BY THE REV JE  
ROBINSON

Vicar of Chieveley, Berks

1875 Chelmsford Chronicle -  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> November -

## **Orsett Union fireworks**

ORSETT - The usual display of fireworks at the Union House took place on the evening of November 5<sup>th</sup>. The inhabitants of Orsett and surrounding villages wishing to uphold this ancient custom, contributed to the expense of providing the necessary combustibles for the enjoyment, not only of the inmates, but of themselves. At dusk a large quantity of fireworks were ignited, each explosion and ascension of a rocket being hailed with hearty cheers.

1879 Essex Newsman -  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> November -

## **Bulphan tithe rent**

BULPHAN - TITHE RENT - At his tithe rent audit on Thursday the Rev. W. J. Littlehales, rector of Bulphan, allowed a reduction of 11 per cent. bringing the tithe rent down to par.

1881 Essex Herald -  
Tues 29<sup>th</sup> November -  
**Orsett new organ**

#### ORSETT

THE NEW ORGAN IN THE PARISH CHURCH - A short time ago we gave an account of the opening service at the dedication of the new organ, erected in the parish by Messrs. Maley, Young and Oldknow. We are now happy to state that, owing to the liberality of Captain D.H.E. Wingfield, the organ is completely free from debt. The expense of opening the arch into the transept - an alteration which was considered as necessary by Dr. Haynes and the organ builders, and which certainly makes a great improvement in the appearance of the church-has also been defrayed by the same donor. The cost of the organ, with all its fittings, was £615 15s 6d., and the cost of erecting the arch, which was carried out by Mr. Middleton of Gravesend, and Mr C. Howard of Orsett, was £62 10s. The rector, churchwardens, parishioners and their friends raised £440, the builders of the organ allowed £20 for the material of the old instrument, and Captain Wingfield has generously contributed the balance.

*(The total cost £678 5s 6d is c£58000 today, the parish contribution of £440 is c.£39000 & Capt Wingfield gave c.£17000 at today's value)*

1883 Southend Standard -  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> November -

#### **Bulphan farm fire**

On Friday night (23<sup>rd</sup> November), about six o'clock, a fire broke out on the farm premises of Mr Jesse Gotts, of Slough House, Bulphan, whereby a barn (containing 60 quarters of unthrashed beans, 13 loads of oat straw, 30 quarters of oats, four quarters of wheat, one sack of old beans, a number of empty sacks, and four loads of cut hay); one shed and cow house; one clover hay stack (about 20 loads); three wheat straw stacks (about 55 loads in all); and

about 20 tons of mangelwurzel, were destroyed.

*(It was reported in another paper that this had a value of around £700, (c.£85,000 today), and that there had been a number of similar fires across Essex in recent weeks.)*

1894 Essex Herald -  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> November -

#### **Horndon on the Hill reading room**

The Reading room - The committee appointed to carry out the enlargement of the Reading room in the village are endeavouring to acquire the adjoining room and to purchase additional books to extend the library. The total sum wanted is £30.  
*(£30 c.£3,900 today).*

1900 Chelmsford Chronicle -  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> November -

#### **Meteors over Orsett**

Mr T.B. Waters saw six large but faintly shining meteors pass slowly over Orsett from east to west about 8.45pm on Thursday. Three more of extraordinary brilliance and velocity soon followed, lighting up the ground and leaving a trail of bluish light behind them.

*(These were probably from the Taurid or Leonid meteor showers).*

1902 Grays & Tilbury Gazette -  
Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> November -

#### **Bulphan land sale**

Bulphan, Essex - For Sale Some valuable building sites in this pretty district; on the main road and close to the church; will be sold in half-acre or three-acre plots to purchasers - Plan and particulars at the Office

1907 Grays & Tilbury Gazette -  
Sat 9<sup>th</sup> November -

#### **Horndon church presentation**

Presentation to the church - A copy of Holman Hunt's famous painting "The Light of the World" painted by Mr George Evison, has been presented to the church by one of the parishioners.

#### WAR CASUALTIES :

1915 Essex Newsman -  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> November -  
Royal Fusiliers : Pt. C.S Jarvis, Bulphan

1916 Essex Newsman -  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> November -

Mr and Mrs E Layzell, 3 The Square, Horndon on the Hill, have heard that their second son, James William Layzell (A.B.) RN, has been killed in action

1917 War Office Weekly -  
Casualty List -

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> November -  
Royal Garrison Artillery : Gnr W. Bines 153713, Bulphan

1918 Chelmsford Chronicle -  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> November -  
Essex Regt : C. Hazelton, Orsett

1918 Chelmsford Chronicle -  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> November -  
Rifle Brigade : Rfn P.J. Tyler, Mill Lane, Horndon on the Hill

1934 Chelmsford Chronicle -  
Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> November -

#### **Milk Awards**

##### CLEAN MILK AWARDS

The awards in the fifteenth county clean milk competition, organised by the Institute of Agriculture, Chelmsford, are as follows :-

Class A (dairies of 20 cows and over): 1. DF Macaulay, Birch (head cowman, J Pullford); 2. CE Calderbank, Bulphan (T Hearn); 3 CH Bird, Childerditch (C Mizen)

Class B (Under 20 cows) : 1 LG Scrivener, Great Yeldham (W Groom); 2. Dixon Smith, Bocking (E Green); 3. J Duffy, Broomfield (J Arbon)

## ORSETT SCHOOL NEWS - AUTUMN TERM 1 2020

Dear All

It has been a long time since there has been an up-date from Orsett, due to the pandemic and the turbulence of schooling since March. We have worked very hard to ensure that we have followed the guidelines, from the Government, and were therefore able to offer support and teaching for our children during this time, albeit remotely for most during the summer term.

We even managed to complete some form of induction for our new children, who started school in September-they have been great, considering they did not have all the opportunities that previous year groups had. It is just a shame that they have not been able to mix with the other children-I know that the year 6 children have missed being their "buddies".

We were all excited to see the children return to a "more normal" set up in September, although things were still restricted. Whilst the children are unable to mix beyond their bubble in school we have kept up with whole school worship (remotely).

We have successfully managed...

- To have a Harvest worship-led by Rev Sue- and thankfully families still donated food parcels for us to share with Thurrock Foodbank. Our donations came to 84kg worth of goods, so thank you to all. This is especially worthwhile at this time and allows us all to support our local community.
- Our year R, 3 & 5 road safety walks with some adaptations such as smaller groups and high-vis jackets.
- Rock Steady are still providing music lessons to the children, although these are now groups of individual classes, to coincide with keeping to the rules of not mixing the class bubbles.

As you read this I would have already left my position as Headteacher at Orsett, so wish to end this with a **BIG THANK YOU** to not only the children, parents and staff at the school but also the wider community, which I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of.

Everyone's support, and the links we have, has been a tremendous part of our school lives, and at times has been very humbling. Therefore, I wish to say good luck to you all and remember, in the words of Joe Hinchliffe: *"New ideas, thoughts and inspiration will only take place when the mind is positive."*

Miss S Jones

# Water Fireworks



## Materials:

- ✿ Water
- ✿ Oil
- ✿ Food colouring (Any colour of your choosing - not gel ones)
- ✿ 2 tall clear glasses
- ✿ A fork

## Instructions:

- ✿ Fill the tall glass almost to the top with room-temperature water.
- ✿ Pour 2 tablespoons of oil into the other glass.
- ✿ Add 2 drops of food colouring to the glass with the oil.
- ✿ Stir the oil into the food colouring using a fork. Stop once you break the food colouring into smaller drops.
- ✿ Pour the oil and colouring mixture into the tall glass.

Then watch! The food colouring will slowly sink in the glass, with each droplet expanding outwards as it falls. Looks like fireworks! Right?

## How it Works:

Food colouring dissolves in water, but not in oil. So when you pour in your food colouring/oil mixture the oil will float at the top of the water because it is less dense, and the food colouring will begin to dissolve once they sink through the oil and into the water.

## Different things to try:

- ✿ Different combinations of food colouring
- ✿ Different numbers of drops of each colour
- ✿ Without oil
- ✿ A larger glass

\*\*\*\*\*

## October puzzle page - answers

### It happened in October quiz

1. Eight
2. Calendula
3. Tourmaline & garnet
4. World Children's Day
5. Libra
6. Harvard
7. Scorpio
8. Belgium
9. 1917
10. Thanksgiving
11. Yul Brynner
12. Princess Leia
13. BBC
14. Lloyd's of London
15. 1992

### Harvest Wordsearch

p	h	g	v	e	c	P	A	R	S	N	I	P	f	p	m	c	o
j	s	n	j	t	S	S	E	O	T	A	T	O	P	p	k	j	w
u	t	s	l	n	r	A	O	N	I	O	N	S	i	i	q	x	p
l	c	p	q	c	z	P	E	g	i	j	g	a	E	g	q	p	j
r	f	f	t	p	h	P	m	P	a	s	j	a	y	V	p	j	q
R	s	c	F	I	E	L	D	v	s	b	w	P	E	A	R	S	b
u	E	s	k	x	c	E	p	x	z	e	f	d	c	N	R	A	B
b	S	B	v	n	d	S	i	z	s	u	r	w	r	b	r	t	H
f	c	P	M	z	q	b	T	O	M	A	T	O	E	S	k	w	u
n	W	d	O	U	y	v	h	q	T	m	g	y	q	q	y	f	y
t	P	H	j	R	C	w	l	d	y	R	D	E	E	S	y	n	p
L	L	p	E	a	C	U	c	g	P	S	A	g	c	r	p	z	m
j	E	s	v	A	T	i	C	r	L	u	W	C	g	a	w	v	s
w	N	T	f	c	T	S	s	o	U	o	h	E	T	v	i	f	b
c	T	x	T	m	d	F	A	R	M	u	j	u	D	O	n	h	v
i	Y	o	l	U	c	s	d	E	S	x	h	x	f	E	R	u	h
b	D	R	A	H	C	R	O	h	F	w	m	z	s	u	z	d	h
s	j	p	s	m	B	E	A	N	S	p	c	b	q	c	f	d	a



# Horndon on the Hill Church of England Primary School

**Executive Headteacher** Mrs. L. Coates / **Head of School** Mrs. D. Bradley

**Address** Hillcrest Road, Horndon on the Hill, Essex. SS17 8LR **Telephone** 01375 673260

**Email** admin.hps@osborne.coop **Website** www.horndononthehill.org.uk

**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'.**

---

We have experienced a half term like no other. The arrival and departure of the children has taken on a completely different stance, break times and lunch times are almost unrecognisable and teaching and learning has taken on a whole new meaning. That said, our pupils have been absolutely amazing. Attendance has remained really high, (thanks to the ongoing support of the parents) and the willingness of the children to regain the learning they missed over the previous six months has been apparent in every class around the school. The positivity shown by the whole school community is reassuring, to say the least and the fact that we have remained COVID free is a blessing. Thank you to all of you for continuing to support us in all our efforts to keep the school a safe place for the children and the staff.

## Sensory Room

It was our plan to celebrate the completion of the sensory room with an afternoon tea party held at the school. This was not possible due to current restrictions; however, we could not let the generosity of those who made donations so that we could buy equipment for the sensory room, go unnoticed. Class 6 designed some amazing thank you cards and these were included in an afternoon tea goody bag given to all the kind residents who were so generous. Our thanks also extend to Mrs Bray (our SENDCo), who knew exactly what equipment we needed to get, and to Mr Blackmore who patiently installed all of this equipment. The room is looking amazing and we hope to add photos to our website very shortly.

## Knitting

Some of you may remember that we asked for knitted blankets to send out to Australia during the wildfires earlier this year. The response was incredible, with children taking up the art of knitting across the school. Despite all our efforts we were unable to secure a flight that would take out donations, although the airlines were advertising this facility. On a really positive note, the blankets have not gone to waste, but to the animal hospital in Orsett Road.

We received a lovely thank you for the donations given for the Harvest Festival:

Dear All at Horndon School,

Thank you, so much, for your Harvest Gifts for the foodbank. It was very kind of you. Your gifts will make a big difference to someone else's life so thank you.

God bless,

Sue x

I am sure that there will be challenges ahead for us all, but with God's blessing, I know that we will come through these difficult times together. Take care and stay safe

Kindest regards

Mrs D Bradley  
Head of School



Horndon-on-the-Hill C. of E. Primary School is a proud partner in the Osborne Co-operative Academy Trust

**Telephone** 01375 648966 **Email** info@osborne.coop **Website** osborne.coop

**Registered office** St Clare's School, Butts Lane Stanford-le-Hope, Essex. SS17 0NW **Registered at** Companies House, Cardiff. Company Number 7703865

# ORSETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

Well Orsett WI ladies have been enjoying receiving emails every week since lockdown started back in March. The email had a newsletter attached keeping us all in touch, put together by our secretary and president. Our members have been sending in ideas for stories, information past/present, quizzes, pictures and finding out what everyone is up to at this difficult time and how we can keep ourselves busy.

On 25<sup>th</sup> September Sue Thompson held a coffee morning for Macmillan with tea, cakes, and a plant sale. She managed to raise £580 on the day and then received a donation from a group of ladies and the grand total is now £700. Well done to Sue and thank you to everyone who helped and donated; it was a great day.

Our ladies have continued to have monthly Foodbank collections and managed a grand 26kgs for the last delivery. We wish to thank everyone for all your contributions. If you have any foods for the Foodbank please leave at 4, School Lane, Orsett, RM16 3JS on the porch table. We continue to get our WI magazine and this month's edition was a flyer showing that for new ladies wishing to join, membership is £10.50 for the year instead of £43.

We have zoom committee and members' meetings so that we can see each other and chat about what we are doing, how everyone is doing and this has proved to be very mentally uplifting for most of us. We know some ladies have found the technology difficult and telephone calls are put out to those members to check on them.

Orsett WI found out that Morrisons in grays are making a large display of poppies for memorial weekend in November and asked for any donations for poppies made from plastic, knitted, crocheted or material so of course we donated (see photo). These had to be with Morrisons by the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

If you would like to make some this is the knitted Poppy pattern:

Cast on 60 stitches using 4mm needles and red double-knit yarn.

Rows 1-8 (K2, P2) to end

Row 9 (K2 together) to end (30 stitches)

Row 10 (S2kpo) to end (10stitches)

Break off yarn leaving a long tail. Thread tail through remaining 10 stitches and pull tight, then fasten off yarn. Join edges of the poppy together and sew black button in the centre of the poppy.



If anyone wishes to join Orsett WI for further information please email [orsettwi@gmail.com](mailto:orsettwi@gmail.com).

In normal circumstances (not during lockdown) Orsett WI would meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in Orsett village Hall RM16 3JP @ 7.30PM.

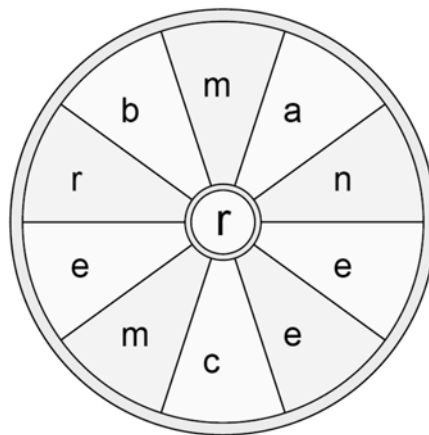
We have monthly craft nights on the last Wednesday of the month.

# Puzzle Page

## November connections quiz

1. On 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918 in what sort of vehicle was the Armistice between the Allies and Germans signed?
2. Who played their last football match for England on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1973?
3. Edward Teach died in November 1718, by what name was he better known?
4. In November 1967, who said "Non" to Britain's entry into the Common Market?
5. Bonfire Night is celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, but in which year was the Gunpowder Plot?
6. On which day in November is St Andrew's Day?
7. The November class of submarine was a nuclear-powered attack submarine in service from 1958 to 1990 for which country?
8. What day is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> November?
9. Who was crowned emperor of Ethiopia in 1930?
10. One of the most popular board games ever devised was launched by Parker Brothers in November 1935.
11. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was published in November 1865. What was the writer's real name?
12. In 1940 who became the only U.S. President to win a third term in office?
13. The first of which TV series was shown on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1963?
14. Which period in the Christian church starts on the Sunday closest to the 30<sup>th</sup> November?
15. John Montague was born on November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1718. What common food item is he credited with creating?

## Word Wheel



What is the 11 letter word and  
how many words of 4 letters or more can you make?  
You can only use each letter as many times as it appears, in each word, and  
every word must contain the letter in the centre of the wheel.

*Answers and solutions in the December edition of the Hobnob*



# Bulphan WI

Bulphan WI members were joined not only by members of other Essex WIs but also those from other Federations around the country and Wales, therefore claiming that they went international for their October meeting. The big draw was speaker Sarah Slater, a Hampton Court Palace guide, Sarah wowed everyone with her inside expert knowledge of the palace and it's famous and infamous occupants, members are hoping to arrange a visit there when circumstances allow.

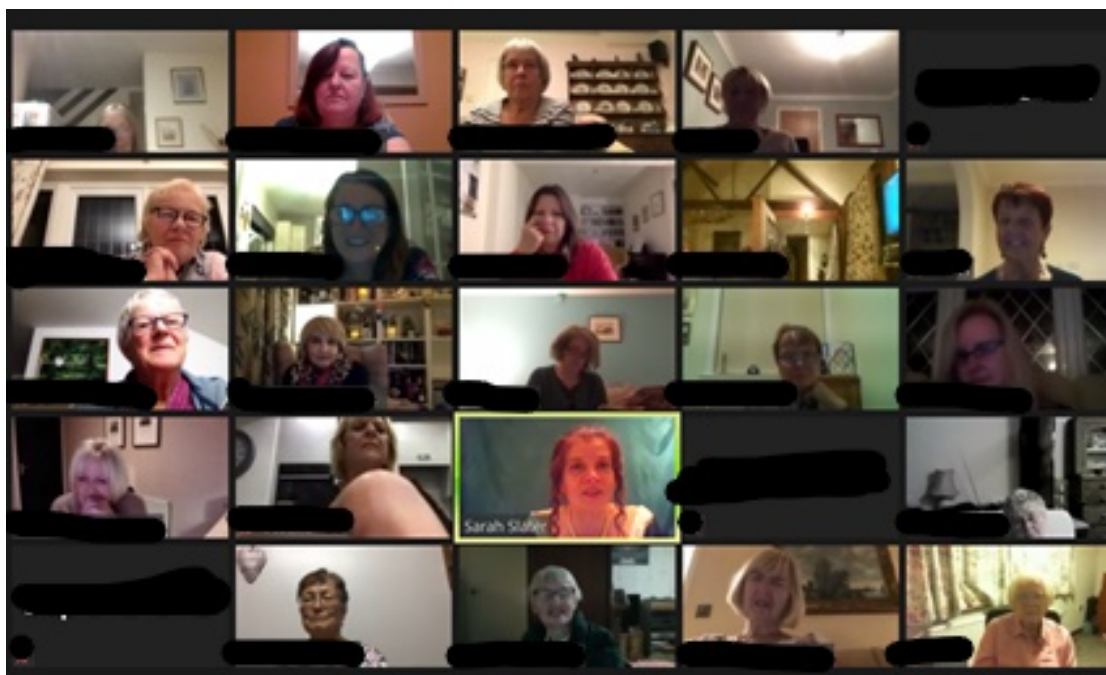
We also took the opportunity to present member Pat Hall with a certificate to mark her 50-year membership, exactly to the day of the meeting.

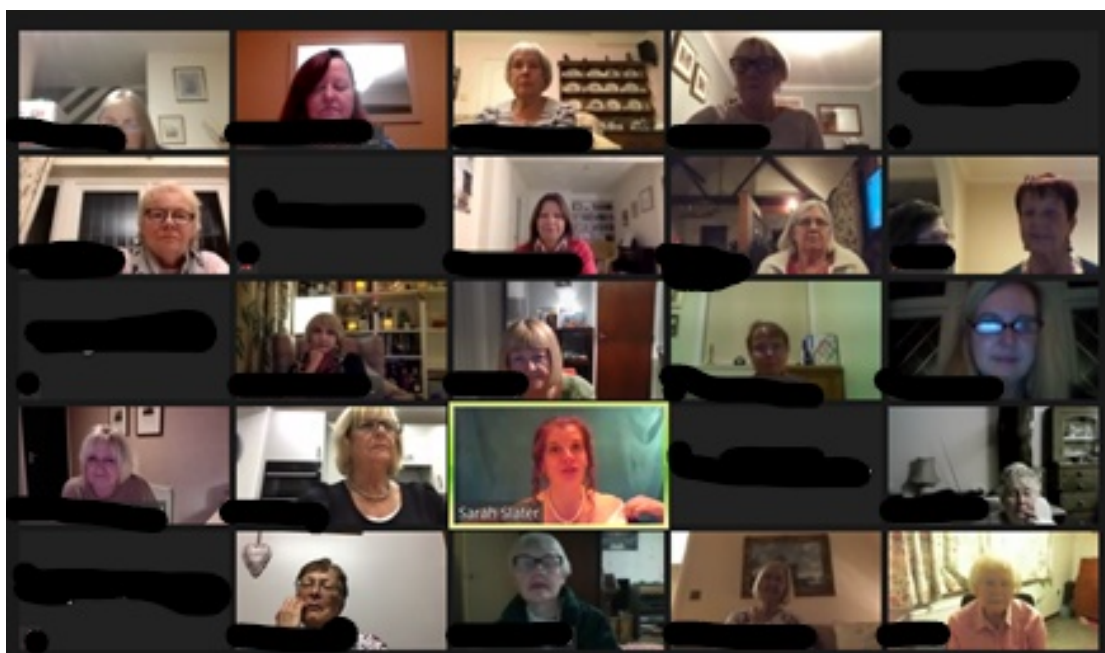
Next month is a members only meeting where we will be taking part in a much-needed virtual pampering session with Neal's Yard samples to use at home.

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



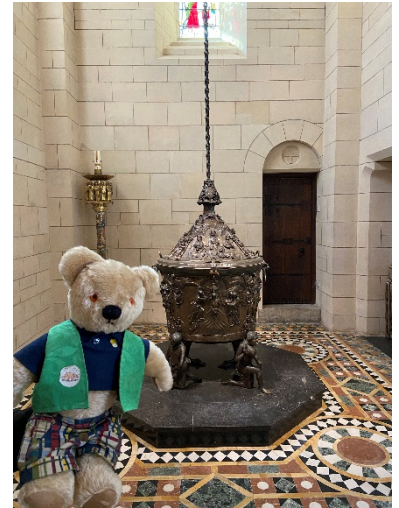


Bulphan WI members along with a WISP (WI Supporting Partner) braved the windy conditions on the morning of Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November to install the poppy display on the village church lychgate and placed a wreath at the WI flowerbed at the village hall.



# ORSETT EDWARD BEAR TODDLER GROUP

Summer days are long gone – the autumn leaves have fallen and bare trees herald winter days. Edward Bear enjoyed his late summer holiday in Devon, he is always interested in visiting other churches, admiring the buildings and learning what goes on in the church communities. Staying by the sea was lovely – listening and seeing the waves coming in and out with the tides, hearing the gulls cry and the salty smell of the sea – and its all free and part of God's wonderful world. Edward Bear hopes you like seeing some of his holiday snaps?



November is a busy month with special days in church: All Saints on the 1 Nov and Remembrance Sunday on the 8 Nov (do you remember this photo from 2 years ago of Edward Bear and Emma wearing their poppies?).



Then a very important day in the church's year, Advent Sunday on the 29 Nov (note to Edward Bear - remember to change your waistcoat colours, especially remember its purple time in Advent).

Edward Bear wants to share some words that help his friends understand what Advent means. It means something coming; a time of waiting; preparing; anticipating; expecting; and Advents ends with celebration as we welcome the coming of Jesus born on Christmas Day. Every year on the 25 Dec, Jesus brings his message of Peace, Hope and Love and this year Edward Bear is thinking it's what the world needs more than ever so let's make it a good Advent!

Edward Bear would also love to see lots of his friends at Forest Church on 14 Nov at 4pm in St Mary's Churchyard, Bulphan – there will be fun things to do as we worship God in the open air and give thanks for creation.

Don't forget to look out for Edward Bear on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Orsett-Edward-Bear-Toddler-Group-1824091051224579/>

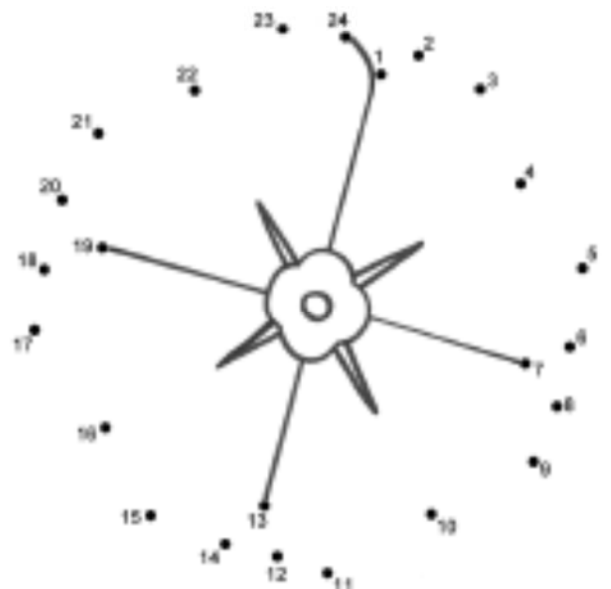
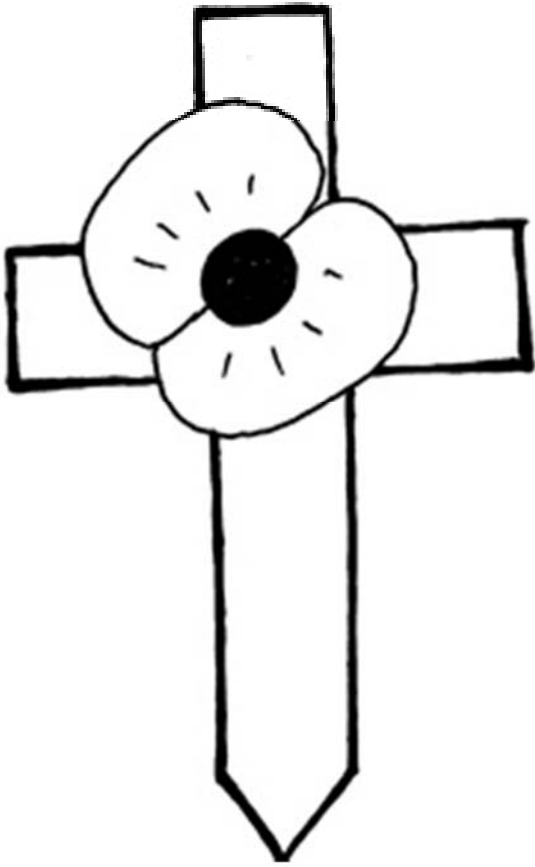
God bless

Edward Bear, Di, Gill, and Sandra

PS .... Lastly, says Edward Bear, it's the 13<sup>th</sup> birthday of Edward Bear Toddler Group on 29 November! He will miss having a party, but perhaps his friends could light a candle and say a prayer of thanks for all the happy times spent together during the past years and ask for blessings in days to come.

# Remembering

Pictures for young & old  
to print and colour in



# READ THESE BOOK TITLES FROM TOP LEFT TO BOTTOM RIGHT

THE VERY BEST ADVICE FOR TODAY!

