

Welcome to the Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon on the Hill

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 6th December

Family Service at 10am, St Peter and St Paul's Church Horndon-on-the-Hill



*Thank you for joining us! If this is your first time at one of our churches, it's great to have you with us.
Do make yourself known to the minister or to one of those greeting at the door.*

Today's Collect

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Dear All,

Following recent Government guidelines, I am pleased that, after discussions with the churchwardens and PCCs, over the Christmas period we are able to offer a range of acts of worship.

As I am sure you will appreciate, a careful risk assessment is required for all acts of worship and this means that, because of limited Covid-secure space being available, booking will be essential for all of our Christmas services and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For this reason, please could I ask that everyone is considerate of others when booking to ensure all those who wish to attend a service this Christmas can do so. I will endeavour to live-stream some of these acts of worship, wi-fi permitting, to allow those of you who are isolating at home, or for whom there is not sufficient space available to attend, to be able share in the worship. Details of the services being offered are included on this notice sheet along with booking instructions.

The service which will accommodate the largest number of people will be the drive in carol service at Arden Hall Farm on 20th December at 4pm. We are extremely grateful to the Benton Family for their generosity in allowing us to hold this service at their farm and for their help in facilitating this. If you are planning to come to this service you need to order one ticket per car. It would help if you could, as far as possible, fill your car, with people from your bubble, to allow the maximum number of people to attend as there will be a limit on the number of cars that can be accommodated.

The outdoor glowstick services will go ahead whatever the weather, so please come prepared with an umbrella and wet weather gear in case it rains and with something to sit on, too, because we are required to be seated in order to be able to sing. A ticket must be ordered for every person who attends, regardless of whether they are a child or an adult, because there is a maximum number of people allowed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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Prayers for the week

Diocesan Prayer Diary

Sunday prayers

- Pray for all who work in radio or television, the work of Premier Radio, and all stations relating to the Diocese.
- PRAY for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury), the Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano – Bishop.
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-DEC20.pdf>

Benefice Prayer Diary

Ivy, Lucy, Ron S, Steve J, Janet, Deb, Sandra, Pat, Dottie and her family

Prayers for the recently bereaved

Michelle and her family, the families of Tony and Peter.

Please let Revd Sue or Revd Max know of people who are unwell or in need of pastoral support



Individual Private Prayer

Horndon-on-the-Hill Church is open on Tuesday and Saturday, 10am to 12.00 noon

Bulphan Church is open on Monday and Thursday, 10am to 12noon (1st and 3rd Thursday Holy Communion Service)



Christmas Services

Tickets for 13th, 20th and 21st December will be available to order from 9am on Saturday 5th December and will be issued on a first come first served basis. To order, please copy the relevant link and enter into the address bar on your internet browser. On the Eventbrite page click register, enter number of tickets required, against each ticket enter individual names but you can use the same email address against each name.

- **13th December:** Outdoor Glowstick Christmas Services:
5pm at Orsett *book tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131213524183>*
6pm at Bulphan *book tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131219437871>*
4pm and 7pm at Horndon-on-the-Hill *tickets to be collected from Horndon church, Tuesday or Saturday between 10am and 12 noon*
- **20th December:** 4pm, Drive in Carol Service at Arden Hall Farm, Horndon on the Hill.
book tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131195227457>
- **21st December:** 7.30pm Blue Christmas Service at Orsett Church for 'when Christmas hurts.'
book tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/131220117905>

Tickets for 24th December will be available to order from 9am on Saturday 12th December

- **24th December:** 7pm at Orsett Church Family Christmas Service; 10pm at Bulphan Village Hall, Christmas Holy Communion Service; 8.30pm at Horndon Church, Christmas Holy Communion Service
- **25th December:** 10am at Orsett Church, Christmas Holy Communion Service

The Children's Society

Normally, the schools hand out collection candles and a collection is taken at our Christingle services but this year this has not been possible. The Children's Society is a national charity working to transform the hopes and happiness of young people facing abuse, exploitation and neglect. They support them through their most serious life challenges and campaign tirelessly for the big social changes that will improve the lives of those who need hope most.

Please consider supporting this charity by visiting <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>



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Thurrock Foodbank

Your continued support for this charity is much appreciated. The Benefice has organised 5 collection boxes as listed below:

Orsett	The Rectory and Orsett Stores
Bulphan	24, Church Lane and Bulphan Local Store
Horndon-on-the-Hill	1, Lion Cottages, High Road



Shortages this week are: instant coffee, sponge puddings, rectangular Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings, stuffing mix, Christmas biscuits, bottles of non-alcoholic Christmas drink/punch, savoury biscuits/nibbles, bottles of tomato sauce, gravy granules or other similar condiments.

Hobnob Magazine

- January edition—Please submit articles to Ron by December 23rd email: ronald714@btinternet.com
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website news page www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine

Diary Dates

Services

- This service, at Horndon-on-the-Hill Church, will be recorded and can be viewed at www.hobnob.org.uk/watch
- Next Sunday's Morning Praise service will be at 10am 13th November at Orsett Church and will also be live streamed
- Morning and Evening Prayers will be held on a Monday and Friday at 8.30am and 6pm respectively and can be viewed through Facebook @HOBNOBChurches.
- If you would like to listen to daily prayers, these can be heard at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>
- Daily Hope, a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers can be found on 0800 8048044



Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service

Sunday	Isaiah 40.1-11 2 Peter 3.8-15a	Psalms 85.1-2 Mark 1.1-8
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	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalm 44 Isaiah 45.14-end 1 Thessalonians 1	Psalm 144 Isaiah 30.1-18 Matthew 14.1-12	Tuesday	Psalm 56 Isaiah 46 1 Thessalonians 2.1-12	Psalm 11 Isaiah 30.19-end Matthew 14.13-end
Wednesday	Psalm 62 Isaiah 47 1 Thessalonians 2.13-end	Psalm 10 Isaiah 31 Matthew 15.1-20	Thursday	Psalm 54 Isaiah 48.1-11 1 Thessalonians 3	Psalm 73 Isaiah 32 Matthew 15.21-28
Friday	Psalm 86 Isaiah 48.12-end 1 Thessalonians 4.1-12	Psalm 90 Isaiah 33.1-22 Matthew 15.29-end	Saturday	Psalm 145 Isaiah 49.1-13 1 Thessalonians 4.13-end	Psalm 94 Isaiah 35 Matthew 16.1-12

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