

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

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 14th February—Sunday next before Lent



Family Service at 10am

You can join the service via Zoom



Today's Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

As I write this, I am watching the snow falling outside. I hope you are all managing to stay warm!

Last Sunday we were thinking of Christ as a light in the darkness and together we reflected on John 1:1-14 and shared a meditation from the Iona Community with the theme 'With God all things are possible.'

There are many dark things happening in the world at the moment and one of the issues we reflected on at the weekend was the current situation in Myanmar which hit headlines on 1st February, when its military seized control and the country's leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, and members of her party, were detained. The threat this has posed to those living in Myanmar has resulted in the banging of saucepans, not in applause as we know it, but in protest brought about by desperation. This kind of situation is unknown to most of us but the people in Myanmar are greatly in need of our prayers at this time and, especially our Christian brothers and sisters who are living in fear.

On another global matter, it was great to hear on Sunday that several people are interested in participating in our Zoom Lent Course, 'For such a time as this' which explores ecological justice. Please do let me know if you would like to join in with this. It will be on Thursday evenings at 8pm, beginning on February 18th. If you are unable to access Zoom but would like me to order you the course book to use for your own reflection and prayer at home, I am very happy to do this. Just let me know.

On Ash Wednesday, there will be a service on Zoom at 7.30pm. I was trying to think of the best way of providing people with ash but I think the best suggestion is that you make your own. What you need to do is find an old palm cross at home, burn it to make ash and then add some olive oil to the ash and you will be ready.

As always, please do let me know of any prayer and pastoral needs.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- Racial Justice Sunday: Today is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for human diversity, and pray for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice. Pray too for the work of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Group.
- *PRAY for the Anglican Church of Canada*
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: <http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-Feb-Mar21.pdf>

Benefice Prayer Diary

Jan C, Moira, Di, Maureen D, Marilyn F, Jean, Heather and Dawn, Sheila, Sue C, June, Sara, Richard, Margaret C, Ivy, Steve J, Pat, Dottie and her family

Prayers for the recently bereaved

Barry and family following the death of Sheila, family and friends of Elaine P, family and friends of Ruby N, Debbie and family following the death of Mark, friends and family of Tony, John and family following the death of Doris.

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



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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: tinned fish, tinned potatoes, fruit juice/squash.

Hobnob Magazine

- April edition—Please submit articles to Ron by March 25th email: r.porter@hobnob.org.uk
- The online version of the magazine can be found on our website news page www.hobnob.org.uk/magazine

Diary Dates



Services

- This week's Sunday service, can be accessed via Zoom. The zoom link will be emailed to the church family on our database.
- Morning and Evening Prayers will be on Monday to Saturday at 8.30am and 7pm respectively and can be found 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

Advance notices *(Please remember due to Covid regulations only those invited to funerals can attend)*

- Prayers on Ash Wednesday, 17th Feb, on Zoom at 7.30pm. The link will be sent out to all those on the database
- Facebook Beastly Bible Story at 4.30pm on a Sunday afternoon on our Facebook page@HOBNOBChurches
- Fischy Music assemblies on Mondays at 11am. The link for Fischy Music is www.youtube.com/user/Fischymusic
- Lent course 'For such a time as this' on Thursday evenings at 8pm, starting on the 18th February.
- The Funeral of Elaine Payne is to be held on Tuesday 9th March, 11am at Horndon-on-the-Hill Church

Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service

Sunday	2 Kings 2.1-12	Psalms 50.1-6
	2 Corinthians 4.3-6	Mark 9.2-9

	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalms 44 Jeremiah 1 John 3.1-21	Psalms 47 Genesis 37.1-11 Galatians 1	Tuesday	Psalms 48 Jeremiah 2.1-13 John 3.22-end	Psalms 50 Genesis 37.12-end Galatians 2.1-10
Wednesday	Psalms 38 Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19 1 Timothy 6.6-19	Psalms 51 Isaiah 1.10-18 Luke 15.11-end	Thursday	Psalms 77 Jeremiah 2.14-32 John 4.1-26	Psalms 74 Genesis 39 Galatians 2.11-end
Friday	Psalms 3 Jeremiah 3.6-22 John 4.27-42	Psalms 31 Genesis 40 Galatians 3.1-14	Saturday	Psalms 71 Jeremiah 4.1-18 John 4.43-end	Psalms 73 Genesis 41.1-24 Galatians 3.15-22

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World Day of Prayer 2021

This year's Benefice World Day of Prayer Service is going to be held in October, instead of March, because we do not know when lockdown will allow us to get together. It will be in Horndon Church.

The service for 2021 is written by the Christians of Vanuatu, which is an archipelago of 80 islands in the Pacific 2000 miles east of Australia. Their theme is "Build on a Strong Foundation." Please look at the World Day of Prayer website where there is a short film about Vanuatu, see:-

<https://wwdp.org.uk/2021/01/13/introducing-vanuatu/>

Maybe on Friday 5th March you could read through the service and eat something with coconut or root vegetables.

As you will notice, the organisation behind this event has decided to change the name (formerly Womens' World Day of Prayer) to emphasise that everyone is included. The celebration of this service begins in Samoa in the Pacific Ocean, and moves around the whole world during this day. Funds collected are distributed to many Christian activities throughout the world.

Please contact me if you want to know more, would like a copy of the service and want to get involved.

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Individual Private Prayer



All churches are closed for private prayer for the foreseeable future but please let Revd Sue or Revd Max know if you have any prayer or pastoral needs



Donations made through this scheme use a Direct Debit. If you are a tax payee and you give permission, PGS can reclaim the Gift Aid for your church. It is also easy to protect your donation from inflation if you choose; they will calculate the difference and notify you each year in advance, to ask if you are happy to increase your gift by the cost of living.

There are three easy ways to donate to your church through the Parish Giving Scheme. You can

- set up your Direct Debit online at www.parishgiving.org.uk
- call the Parish Giving team and they will take you through it, step by step. Their telephone service is on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm, this will take about 15 minutes.
- Fill in a paper form, available from your Church's Treasurer.

If you decide to join this scheme you will be asked the PGS code for the church you are supporting, details below:

St. Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett = 080608339

St Mary the Virgin Church, Bulphan = 080608327

St. Peter and St. Paul Church, Horndon-on-the-Hill = 080608337

You will also need the following information to hand:

- Personal bank account details
- You will need to confirm if you want to increase your gift in line with inflation each year.
- Confirm if you are eligible for gift aid (i.e., a UK resident taxpayer)

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