

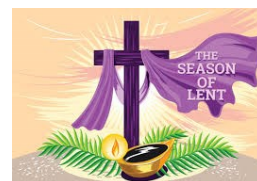
Welcome to the Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill

Weekly notice sheet Sunday 21st February-1st Sunday of Lent



Morning Praise Service at 10am

You can join the service via Zoom



Today's Collect

Heavenly Father, your son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

As I write this, we are in the period of Lent, having shared Prayers and Pancakes on Zoom on Shrove Tuesday followed by an online, outdoor Ash Wednesday Service on 17th.

Regarding Lent, Bishop Peter in his recent letter wrote,

Lent is a return to the roots of our faith: to scripture, to prayer, to forgiveness and reconciliation, to deeper discipleship and much more. Above all, it is a return journey to Jesus as our first love. (Revelation 2:4) Each Ash Wednesday as I receive the sign of the cross, I see again the Prodigal Son returning to his father and practising the words he knows he needs to say, 'Father I have sinned against heaven and against you and am no longer worthy to be called your son: make me like one of your hired servants.' (Luke 15: 18,19). Gloriously, as his joyous father runs to greet and hug him he doesn't even get out the full sentence, and his return is celebrated with a party.

This period between now and Easter is an opportunity to grow or rekindle our relationship with God. Sometimes people give things up but it can also be very helpful to undertake something new. With the newsletter this week you will have received a 'Let's Live Lent' sheet with some ideas of a few things you might like to do during Lent.

On another note, I am delighted to announce that, later in the year, Mrs Moji Jaiyesimi will be joining us in the Benefice, as a Self-Supporting Assistant Curate (SSM). This is a training post which lasts for approximately three years. Some of you may have already met Moji as she has been to a few services over the past year. Moji will be ordained in September and I will let you know when she will begin her ministry in due course. Please do pray for her as she completes her studies and prepares to serve amongst us.



As ever, please do continue to let me know of any prayer or pastoral needs.

Take care and God bless, Sue

Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- Fairtrade Fortnight starts on 22nd February. Pray for fairness and justice in our trading system globally, for fair prices for producers and a wide perspective for consumers in the impact of their choices.
- Give thanks for the Fairtrade Movement, and local initiatives in our diocese which highlight fair-trade products and raise debate about economic justice for all.
- *Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa*
- 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

Horndon Revd Brenda, Jean, Sara, Jan C, Moira, Ivy
Orsett Maureen D, Pat Di, Heather and Dawn, Margaret C, Steve J
Bulphan Sue C, Richard, June
Other Marilyn F, Dottie and her family

Prayers for the recently bereaved

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

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 meats, (currys, stews, meatballs etc), tinned potatoes, toiletries for both men and women, toilet rolls,

Hobnob Magazine

- March edition—Please submit articles to Ron by February 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

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



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)*

- 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	Genesis 9.8-17 1 Peter 3.18-end	Psalms 25.1-9 Mark 1.9-15
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	Morning prayer	Night prayer		Morning prayer	Night prayer
Monday	Psalms 11 Jeremiah 4.19-end John 5.1-18	Psalms 13 Genesis 41.25-45 Galatians 3.23-4.7	Tuesday	Psalms 44 Jeremiah 5.1-19 John 5.19-29	Psalms 49 Genesis 41.46-42.5 Galatians 4.8-20
Wednesday	Psalms 6 Jeremiah 5.20-end John 5.30-end	Psalms 28 Genesis 42.6-17 Galatians 4.21-5.1	Thursday	Psalms 42 Jeremiah 6.9-21 John 6.1-15	Psalms 142 Genesis 42.18-28 Galatians 5.2-15
Friday	Psalms 22 Jeremiah 6.22-end John 6.16-27	Psalms 55 Genesis 42.29-end Galatians 5.16-end	Saturday	Psalms 63 Jeremiah 7.1-20 John 6.27-40	Psalms 4 Genesis 43.1-15 Galatians 6

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This Lent Chelmsford Cathedral warmly invites you to join in online as we journey through Lent together at home.

Alongside the usual pattern of livestreamed Morning and Evening Prayer (7.45am and 5.15pm), and Sunday Eucharist 10.30am, a pre-recorded service of compline will be available every Friday evening.

If you haven't tried compline before, it is a short, beautiful, meditative, sung, candle lit service. On Sundays at 3.30pm a service of music and words will be broadcast on Facebook and YouTube at 3.30pm.

Following the popular organ recitals for Advent, Cathedral musicians James Davy and Hilary Punnett will be giving organ recitals during Lent. Details including musical notes to accompany the recital and times will be available on the Cathedral website.

Chelmsford Cathedral's Children and Family's Minister Jean Elliott will be sharing ideas for families to do together on the Chelmsford Cathedral Families Facebook group. Join the group and share your craft creations and Easter bakes with her.

There are a series of courses and reflections being created especially for Lent too.

Join Canon Imogen Nay and Gary Fleming for a five-week, Wednesday evening course, Living in Love and Faith. The course looks at relationships, sex and identity in the context of faithful Christian living and starts on Wednesday 24 February. Email imogen.nay@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk for more details.

The Very Revd Nicholas Henshall, Dean of Chelmsford will be recording a series of lectures on 'The Seven Penitential Psalms.' These will be made available from 5pm on Sunday afternoons.

Have you ever wondered what Christianity is all about? Why not find out more this Lent? A new course starting on 4 March allows you to get to grips with the key themes of Christianity over three Thursday evenings including 'who is Jesus?', 'what is the Church?' and 'what difference does it make?' Contact Imogen to join.

And finally, members of the ministry team will be releasing some informal reflections on art that inspires them particularly during Lent.

Holy Week Meditation

Max is leading a series of meditations for Holy Week on selected psalms.

These will be visual meditations for between 20 to 30 minutes.

11am	Monday: 29th March	Psalms 24
11am	Tuesday: 30th	Psalms 102
11am	Wednesday: 31st	Psalms 31
11am	Thursday: 1st April	Psalms 22.



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