



Welcome to the Churches of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill
Weekly notice sheet Sunday 19th December—4th Sunday of Advent
8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service and 10am All Together Holy Communion Service, Horndon-on-the-Hill Church



At a Communion Service if you require gluten free wafers please let the minister know when you go forward to receive.

The 10am service may be recorded for our website. If you do not wish to be recorded please speak to a churchwarden.

If you attend a service because you wish to apply for a place for your child at a church school which requires a letter or Supplementary Information Form, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the [red attendance book](#) which is available at the back of church.

If you attend a service to gain a Qualifying Connection in order to be married at any of the three churches, please make sure, each time you attend, you sign the [purple attendance book](#) which will be available at the back of church.

Today's Collect

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dear Everyone,

This will be the last notice sheet until the New Year.

Thank you to everyone who has given their time in service to the Church over the past year. Your ministry and support has been greatly appreciated. I would particularly like to thank the wardens and all the PCC members, some of whom have served, faithfully, in their roles for between 30 and 40 years.

In the New Year, our three parishes will be united to become the Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan and we will be electing our new PCC, our Wardens, Deanery Synod Reps, Treasurer and Secretary at a special meeting after the morning service at Orsett on Sunday 30th January, to which all members of the electoral roll are invited and eligible to vote. Nomination forms will be available at the back of all three churches at the beginning of January. Please do put this date in your diary and try to come if you are on the electoral roll.

We will also begin to set up Action Groups to focus on different areas of the church's ministry including Prayer, Social Justice and Eco Church, Mission and Evangelism, Children and Young People, Communications, Fundraising etc, so please do pray and ask God whether he might be calling you to use the gifts he has given you by serving on one of these groups.

On 9th January, it is Plough Sunday and we have invited our local farmers to attend this service. We will also be baptising Emmeline and Charlotte Bernard and Bishop Guli will be coming to the service to preach, to conduct the baptism, to bless the agricultural machinery and the work of our local farmers in the forthcoming year and to pray for us as we begin working together as one parish.

This Sunday, 19th December, the Drive-in Carol Service is being held in Horndon full details are on page three. There are still five car spaces available if you would like to attend. Please note that attendance is by ticket only.

On Tuesday 21st December we are holding a Blue Christmas/Longest Night service, 7.30pm at Orsett Church. This service is to reflect a glimpse of the light of Christ 'when Christmas hurts'.

Details of the remainder of our Christmas Services can be found on page 3 of these notices. Please note that, in order to give clergy, wardens and sacristans a break after Christmas, there will be no service at Horndon on the morning of Tuesday 28th December and there will not be any Facebook prayers during that week.

All that remains is for me to wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas and Happy new Year!

Take care and God bless,



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Benefice Prayer course

The 8 week Prayer Course is held at The Orsett Churches Centre Chapel at 7pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, dates below. It is free for anyone to come along to from Orsett, Bulphan or Horndon.

The course started on Tuesday 19th October 7-8pm, an eight week journey that will help you and your community to grow & deepen your prayer life.

- 5. Unanswered Prayer – 4th January
- 6. Contemplation – 18th January
- 7. Listening – 1st Feb
- 8. Spiritual warfare – 15th Feb

Each week there will be a video, discussion/questions and practical. If you've any questions please contact - Revd Sue at email rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk or Ring Lisa & Phil Anderson 07946 530379.



Individual Private Prayer

The following churches are open for private prayer—10am to noon

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| Bulphan Church | Monday and Thursday | <i>Free refreshments are available on</i> |
| Horndon-on-the-Hill Church | Tuesday and Saturday | <i>Tuesday and Saturday.</i> |



Thurrock Foodbank

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

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



Shortages this week are: orange/lemon/blackcurrant squash, long life milk—blue/green, fruit juice, Christmas crackers, pickles, after eight chocolates, mince pies, shloer type drink, savoury snacks—peanuts etc

Prayers for the week

Prayer Diary

- **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Please pray for the members of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, and the Company of Servers, and all people who serve Christ at the altar.
- **Pray for:** *The Church of the Province of Central Africa*
- Prayers for the rest of the week can be found here-: <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads-new/publications/WePray-Dec21-Feb22.pdf>

Benefice prayer diary

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| <i>Horndon</i> | Jean K, Florrie, Freda K, Steve B, Chris C, Nick T, Moira, Ivy |
| <i>Orsett</i> | Peter H, Ted S, Joan M, Sue L, Lily B, Maureen D, Di B, Margaret C, Steve J |
| <i>Bulphan</i> | Jim M |
| <i>Other</i> | Kim L, Brooke, Pete, Elizabeth and Dottie and her family, |



Prayers for the recently bereaved

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| <i>Horndon</i> | Barry, Karen and the family and friends of Suzarne Price |
| <i>Orsett</i> | Jack, Jennifer and the family of friends of Jim Cooper, the family and friends of Thomas Charles Bartley, Gordon and the family and friends of Lynn Power-Berry, the family and friends of Andrea Sanders, Lin, Kelly and Jackie following the death of Frank Harrison, Doris, family and friends following the death of Ed Stoddart |
| <i>Other</i> | Pam, Keith and family following the death of Jean Shaw |

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

Hobnob Magazine

- January edition—Please submit articles to Ron by December 21st 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

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At the heart of Christmas



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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES



Sunday 19th December

4pm Drive in Carol Service at Benton's Farm, Horndon
This is a ticketed event (free) see poster how to order tickets



Tuesday 21st December

7.30pm Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service at Orsett Church



Friday 24th December

7pm Family Christmas Service at Orsett Church
8.30pm Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church
10pm Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church



Saturday 25th December

10am Holy Communion Service at Orsett Church



Sunday 26th December

10am Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church



Drive-in Christmas Carols

The United Benefice of Orsett, Bulphan and Horndon-on-the-Hill Churches would love to invite you to our 'drive-in' Carol Service at Arden Hall Farm where we can celebrate Christmas together. There will be live music played by a brass ensemble and it will be suitable for all ages, with carols, readings and prayers.

Where possible, we ask you to fill your car with family and/or friends. Entry to the event is with a 'free' ticket and one ticket per car should be ordered, NOT one ticket per person. There will be a collection for the church after the service.

Please book tickets at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drive-in-carol-service-2021-tickets-207350800827
Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

If anyone is unable to order a ticket online please ring Lynda on 07974 803471 and she will order one for you.

4pm Sunday 19th December
at Arden Hall Farm, Horndon on the Hill, SS17 8PZ

No Christmas Cards!

As part of our Ecochurch journey, to save paper, we would like to suggest instead of sending cards to other members of the congregation that we each make a donation to Centrepoint. For every £10 this charity receives they can provide a Christmas dinner, for a homeless young person to enjoy over the Christmas period in a safe environment.

If you would like to participate please give your donation next time you are attending a Church service or you can donate on-line at

<https://centrepoint.org.uk/donate/appeals/christmas-appeal-2021/>

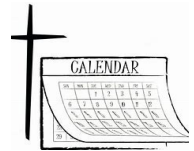
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Diary Dates

Services

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 - 8.30pm Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church
 - 10pm Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church
- Saturday 25th—10am Holy Communion Service at Orsett Church
- Next week Sunday 26th December - 10am Holy Communion Service at Bulphan Church
- Sunday 2nd January 2022—10am All Together Holy Communion Service at Horndon Church
- **Saturday 8th January—4pm Forest Church at Bulphan Church**
- Monday to Saturday—Morning Prayers 8.30am & Evening Prayers 7pm and are found on 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

- Thursday 23rd December Interment of Ashes of Ron Smith at 11.00 at Bulphan Church
- Baptism preparation meetings, Monday 10th January 2022, 14th February and 14th March, held at 7.30pm in Orsett Church.

Eco Pause for Thought

Start an annual, earth-friendly, Christmas family tradition - decorate a tree for the birds, go on a family nature hike or plant a tree together.



Bible Readings for this week

Principal Service

Sunday

Micah 5.2-5a
Hebrews 10.5-10

Psalm 80.1-8
Luke 1.39-45

| | Morning prayer | Night prayer | | Morning prayer | Night prayer |
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| Monday | Psalm 46 Malachi 1.1, 6-end Matthew 19.1-12 | Psalm 4 Isaiah 52.13-end of 53 2 Peter 1.1-15 | Tues | Psalm 121 Malachi 2.1-16 Matthew 19.13-15 | Psalm 84 Isaiah 54 2 Peter 1.16-2.3 |
| Weds | Psalm 124 Malachi 2.17-3.12 Matthew 19.16-end | Psalm 48 Isaiah 55 2 Peter 2.4-end | Thurs | Psalm 130 Malachi 3.13-end of 4 Matthew 23.1-12 | Psalm 89.1-37 Isaiah 56.1-8 2 Peter 3 |
| Friday | Psalm 45 Nahum 1 Matthew 23.13-28 | Psalm 85 Zechariah 2 Revelation 1.1-8 | Sat | Psalm 110 Isaiah 62.1-5 Matthew 1.18-end | Psalm 8 Isaiah 65.17-25 Philippians 2.5-11 |

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