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St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill  
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# July 2025

## The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



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# SERVICES – July 2025

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		4pm Forest Church
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>			10am All Together Holy Communion Service
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	2pm Holy Communion Service at The Whitecroft	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i> <b>Sea Sunday</b>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	9.30am Orsett School Leaver's Service	1.30pm Bulphan School Leaver's Service
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am Horndon School Leaver's Service		Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	4pm Refresh Service	8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August		9-11.30am Oasis Café Edward Bear 9.30-11am at Orsett Churches Centre	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	4pm Forest Church		
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		

Open Church means that the Church is open for private prayer, refreshments are available at all sessions except Thursdays at Bulphan.

# Rector's Reflections

We are coming to the end of the academic year. It's an exciting time. It's a time for school trips, end of year productions and sports days. Some of our young people are moving on to new schools or leaving school to begin employment or go to university. Others are moving into a new class. And some are unsure, at the moment, of what they will be doing.

In this Parish, there will be leavers' services for all the Year 6 children, when they will be presented with Bibles and prayed for as they move on. These services are always a special time for reflection, celebration and thanksgiving.

As many of you are already aware, Phil and I will be moving on to Norwich in Norfolk, probably sometime in early September, as I take up the post of Vicar of St Mary and St Paul's Churches in Hellesdon.

The decision to move on hasn't been an easy one to make, and it has been done with much prayer. As a family, we've really valued our time here where we've been loved and made welcome, and so it will be very hard to move away from a community and a church family that we, in turn, have come to love.

Times of transition, as well as being exciting, can also sometimes be a bit scary, can't they? Both for the people that are moving and for those who are left behind or at home. But they also offer opportunities for new doors to open. And it's important, during these times, to remember that God is there for us, to hold us, to help us and sustain us.

The prophet Jeremiah, in Chapter 29 and verse 11, when he was speaking to the Israelites in exile in Babylon, reassured them by saying:-

*'For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.'*

When we are unsure of the next steps, we can trust God. That applies to those moving schools, moving jobs, moving house or whatever.

Before children move on, they usually have the opportunity to adjust by visiting their new school, new class, place of employment or university and teachers assist in the process by sending records of each child's skills and needs. Please do pray for all our young people who are entering a new stage of life, and for their parents and carers as they adjust.

Before Phil and I move on, I will be meeting with the Archdeacon and Area Dean so that they are fully aware of the needs of this Parish and all the good things that people are doing. Please do pray for the right appointments to be made, in due course, and for those who will be holding positions of responsibility in the Parish, as they prepare for a new phase. They all do a great job, often unnoticed.

In the meantime, I am here to serve you until early September.

Take care and God bless,

**Sue**



# THE PARISH REGISTERS

## Baptisms

13th July

Ren Jordan

(H)

20th July

Wrenley Hard

(O)



## Wedding Enquiries

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



## Baptism Enquiries

To arrange a baptism you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting, where we will discuss the meaning of Baptism, the responsibilities of parents and Godparents, go through the Baptism service and give you the opportunity to ask questions. At the end of the meeting we can check the diary and you will be able to book your Baptism.

Forthcoming Baptism Preparation Dates:

**Sat 12th July** - 12 noon at Horndon Church  
**Mon 11th August** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church  
**Sat 13th September** - 12 noon at Horndon Church  
**Mon 13th October** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church  
**Sat 8th November** - 12 noon at Horndon Church  
**Monday 8th December** - 7.30pm at Orsett Church

For more information, please contact:  
Christine Mortimer: 01375 641485  
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**'Forget-Me-Not'  
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In Horndon Woolmarket  
from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm**

*We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for anyone who would like a cuppa and a chat. Everyone is welcomed!*

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*All proceeds go to the Havens Hospices in Essex.  
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**For further details contact  
Beverley on 01375 671 474**



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**Please text or call Allison for more information 07773539345**

Please note: There is a £10 joining fee payable on your third visit, to cover set up costs, replacement games and low attendance weeks. Thank you.

# ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



As the weeks and months roll by, it's hard to realise that we're already half way through 2025. Similarly, the church calendar moves on with an ever increasing speed: Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost etc... These festivals form such a part of us that it becomes hard to differentiate between one year's events and the next. Not so this year.

Pentecost 2025 will be forever ingrained in my memory for two reasons. Firstly, we had just under 60 people in attendance and over one third of those were under 16. This was the largest number of children we have had for a very long time. Secondly, we finished our worship with a calypso/Caribbean version of *We are marching*, complete with a conga dance. A spur of the moment decision made just before the start of the service, but what a decision! We were joined by both young and old and managed two complete circuits of the church before the song and our legs came to a standstill. What a way to celebrate the birthday of the church.

One thing that doesn't progress as quickly as we would like is the repair and maintenance of the church building. Back in January we set in motion permission to repair our west window. This was agreed in March and we're happy to say that the new piece of glass has finally been placed in situ. The restoration has been done to such a high standard that, unless you knew which piece was broken, you wouldn't know it had been replaced.

A reminder that we are holding a pudding Evening and Silent Auction on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July starting at 5 pm - £7 for adults and £3 for children. You are invited to come along and sample some homemade desserts and make a bid on our lots at the auction. These include: pieces of artwork, offer of dog walking, have a jumper knitted, singing lessons and many more. Please do come along, we would love to see you.

As we approach the end of the school term, the Oasis Café will again be moving to the church building during the 6 week holiday starting from 25<sup>th</sup> July. All the usual refreshments will be on offer and we hope to see you there.

God Bless

Christine and David Mortimer



## HORNDON ON THE HILL CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

As most people are aware, here in Horndon we have had difficulty in finding volunteers to come and help out with the upkeep of both the Mill Lane cemetery and the church grounds. The Tuesday gardeners, who also could do with more help, have done a fantastic job on keeping the grass mown, the shrubs cut back and the hedges trimmed. We also have a wildlife garden which is situated by St Peter's Passage. This was an idea initiated by the church Eco group. It contains dead wood for bugs, wild flowers and grasses.

So, all good in the church grounds..... however, the poor Mill Lane cemetery is fast becoming unmanageable. The grass is several feet tall in some parts. Although the gardeners and a volunteer from the village have helped with keeping some areas manageable we are in a pickle. Help is hopefully on hand. I received a phone call recently from Rachel at the Community Payback Team who advised that a team will be arriving on 2<sup>nd</sup> July and again on 30<sup>th</sup> July. She is hoping to get the team to us every other week!!! Let's hope that finally we can get the churchyard back to good order.

Talking of getting things looking better. Everyone who has visited the church would have noticed that the wood of the window sill to the right of the porch door has deteriorated and is now crumbling away. Bakers of Danbury came to look at the job and advised that they would be able to source some English oak in order to repair. Again, let's hope we can get the porch back to looking more like its old self again!

Unfortunately, the deadline to submit articles to Hobnob is before the dates of the Feast and Fayre. I've checked my weather app which is showing sunny and 25 degrees. I've seen some of the 'props' for the flower festival and listened in on a couple of the flower meetings and cannot wait to see and smell their creations. As Sonia would say, they will definitely be 'Amazing'!! We really hope that we welcome lots of people to our church over the weekend. There's lots going on, plus we desperately need to raise more funds so that we can keep the church looking lovely.

Finally, my fellow churchwarden Sonia is recuperating after a planned operation. Get well soon Mrs W... I'm actually having to do a bit of work in your absence!!!!

God Bless

Bev



# THE PARISH OF HORNDON, ORSETT AND BULPHAN

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\*(permission to officiate)

## PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Churchwardens	Alastair Macrae, Beverley Macrae, Christine Mortimer, David Mortimer, Sonia Ward, Frank Woollard.
Treasurer	Lynn Bennett
Secretary	Beverley Macrae
Parish Administrator	Lynda Robertson.
Deanery Synod Representatives	Karen Collier, Alastair Macrae, Janet Wilkins, Frank Woollard
Lay Representatives	Jane Barry, Sandra Billinger, Samantha Pankhurst. Wayne Beadle-Phelps (co-opted).

## CHURCH OFFICERS AND CONTACT DETAILS

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

Churchwardens	Sonia Ward	01375 674212
	Beverley Macrae	01375 673 327
Sacristans	Jane Barry. Judy Rood. Beverley Macrae	
Vergers	Robin Clark, Felicity Tarbard, Sonia Ward	

### St Giles & All Saints Orsett

Churchwardens	Christine Mortimer	01375 641 485
	David Mortimer	01375 641 485
Sacristan	Janet Wilkins	
Vergers	Jo Metcalf, Libby Seggons, Christine Mortimer	
Mothers' Union contact	Lucy Bubb	07970 728 673
Edward Bear Toddler Group	Karen Collier	01375 370 441
Tower Captain	Judith Church	01375 891 556
Oasis Café	Sandra Billinger	01375 891 040
Churches' Centre Bookings	Gary Jones	<a href="mailto:bookings@orsettchurches.co.uk">bookings@orsettchurches.co.uk</a>

### St Mary-the-Virgin Bulphan

Churchwardens	Frank Woollard	01375 891 034
	Alastair Macrae	01375 673 327
Verger	Ron Porter, Frank Woollard	
Parish Room Bookings	Traudi Porter	01375 891 697

### Parish Administrator

Lynda Robertson: <a href="mailto:l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk">l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk</a>	07974 803 471
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### Parish Baptism Co-ordinator

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



## Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

We are all on a journey. The Earth rotates on its axis once a day and orbits the Sun once a year. The Sun situated in The Milky Way Galaxy orbits its galactic centre about once every 250 million years and so we travel on whether we like it or not.

It was a sad and happy moment when Sue announced this Sunday morning 15<sup>th</sup> June that she will be moving on. I (like all of us), will miss her very much; Sue has been at the head of so much change during her 10 years here and it will be difficult to adapt to a new situation. It is good news that Sue will be nearer to her family in her new role.

I know that priests have that awful dilemma that at a certain stage in their life they must decide to stay in a parish until retirement or accept God's calling and take on a new challenge. Sue attended her last Deanery Synod meeting, last night, 16<sup>th</sup> June and there are going to be many lasts before the first of the firsts. We must all wish Sue and Phil every success and happiness in their new location.

It could be said that we all have parts in a great theatrical production with God being our Director and our Church buildings being the stage. We have been fortunate that for so long the principal parts and those occupying them have not changed. As we and many of our congregation ages then over time there will inevitably be changes as a new generation comes forward to take on the principal roles.

Once a priest leaves there will be so much to do during the inevitable interregnum that its probably not a good idea to even think about it until after the summer holidays. Within Thurrock Deanery many priests are leaving or retiring and they are not easily replaced. We must all pray that God will send somebody quickly to fill all these vacancies. The recent training for lay people to hold non eucharistic services may prove invaluable.

At Bulphan Church we plod on. The Archdeacon Sue Lucas at the recent visitation gave approval for the installation of the new post-box which can now be installed. The dry weather interspersed by thunderstorms is creating strange happenings in the churchyard and all of our gardens. There seems to be a bumper crop of soft fruit and trees seem to have so much blossom which is causing problems for some. We are thankful to Bulphan in Bloom for all the work they do in the churchyard; the recent planting of geraniums really makes it a welcoming place. Another problem at present is the supply of water to the water butts. With 3 large butts its amazing that on some days they have been empty. It just shows the number of grave tending visitors the churchyard receives.

**Frank Woollard**

# **The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan**

**Pudding Evening / Auction of talents  
on Saturday 12th July 2025**

**5pm start at  
St Giles and All Saints Church, Orsett**

**How does it work?**

- **Tickets - Adults £7 and children £3 each**
- **You will be able to sample many homemade puddings, desserts and savoury snacks**
- **Tea, coffee or juice is included**
- **Choose your favourite pudding, the pudding with the most counters at the end of the evening wins a prize for it's maker.**
- **There will also be an auction and you can bid to use someone's talent eg a singing lesson, a drawing, someone to knit a jumper or make a cake. More details will be available nearer the time.**
- **All welcome, no need to book just turn up on the day**



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# HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL METHODIST CHURCH

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Minister: Reverend Fiona Smith

Senior Steward: Mr Graham Hodgson

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All are welcome to our services and other activities.

## Services July 2025

**Sunday 10:30am Worship unless stated otherwise**

6 <sup>th</sup> July	Revd Brenda Gutberlet	
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Local Arrangement	
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Rev Fiona Smith	Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Mrs Maureen McPherson	

## Cycle of Faith postponed due to good weather!

Our cycle of faith cycling circuit around the Methodist Churches in Thurrock has been postponed until **27<sup>th</sup> September**. This was due to the exceptionally hot temperatures anticipated for the day. So if you were not able to make the date in June you have another chance! If you are interested, please contact Jeff Bell at [jeff3bell@gmail.com](mailto:jeff3bell@gmail.com) for further details.

## Coffee mornings and lunch

All are welcome to our weekly Community Cuppa and Chat in the Methodist Church Hall. We meet on Thursdays between 10:00 – 12:00 noon for the coffee morning with drinks, savouries and biscuits and a soup and a roll between 12:00 noon - 13:00.

## Monthly Email Reflections

You can receive a Monthly Bible Reflection written by Maureen McPherson by sending her your email. [mail@south-fields.com](mailto:mail@south-fields.com) Hard copies can be handed out if you don't have email.

## Quiz

**Saturday 5th July 2025**

7pm

**Horndon on the Hill  
Methodist Church Hall**

£5 a ticket in aid of the  
Methodists Homes  
Tables of six people welcome  
or  
just come along and join in.

Bring your own refreshment but  
please note **NO** alcohol

for further details please contact  
Maureen McPherson at  
[mail@south-fields.com](mailto:mail@south-fields.com)



# WOOLMARKET MUSIC

This month we were entertained by Lynn Creasey, a professional harpist. Lynne is a delightful lady who has performed widely across the county and London as a soloist at many venues. She not only presented us with her choice of music for a very warm summer's evening but she also introduced us to techniques used when playing the harp. Lynn also imparted her knowledge of the instrument itself – do you know how to tune a harp, or replace a string, or what the pedals are for? All in all, a very enjoyable evening.



Next month, to close this season, we will be holding a talent evening in St Peter & St Paul's church on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

There will be no meeting in August but we invite you again on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Woolmarket, welcoming Matthew McCombie, concert pianist.



## Zion Hall Mission, Bulphan Interdenominational Church Road, Bulphan



<https://zhm100.wixsite.com/zionhallmission>  
[zionhallmission@outlook.com](mailto:zionhallmission@outlook.com)

We enjoy meeting every Sunday evening and extend a warm welcome to all to our services. Please feel free to drop in and join us for worship and fellowship.

The services for July are as follows:

July 6 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Lee Woodward
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Rev Pholani Ncube
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	David Raj

If you live locally and would like to come along to a service but need transport, or for any other information on our Church or our services please contact the Secretary: Ian Blackburn on 01375 891522, 07880 235140 or at [zionhallmission@outlook.com](mailto:zionhallmission@outlook.com)



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

## POLICE at Grays

Community Officer: PC Javier Rodriguez-Perez  
email: [thurrockcommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk](mailto:thurrockcommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk) 101 or 999

## DOCTORS

Horndon-on-the-Hill  
Orsett & Bulphan  
Bulphan

(Orsett Surgery)  
(Ockendon Surgery)  
(West Horndon Surgery):

01375 642 362  
01375 892 082  
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01277 811 770

## LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Mr Barry Johnson

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Mr David Day

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## LOCAL MP

James McMurdock

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## SCHOOLS

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Orsett C of E Primary  
Bulphan C of E Academy

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# PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

July 1st	For those who will marry this month
July 2nd	For those living on Hornsby Lane, Orsett
July 3rd	For people we have not yet met
July 4th	For the homeless and hungry
July 5th	For those living on Horndon Road, Horndon
July 6th	For those living on Nelson Road, Orsett
July 7th	For family and friends overseas
July 8th	For the leaders of nations
July 9th	For those who must travel by land, sea or air
July 10th	For local charities struggling financially at this time
July 11th	For those living on North Hill, Horndon
July 12th	For our patrons, the Dean & Chapter of St Paul's,
July 13th	For those living on The Paddocks, Orsett
July 14th	For our twin dioceses in Romania, Sweden, and Kenya
July 15th	For those living on Annabell Avenue, Orsett
July 16th	For those living on Pound Lane, Orsett
July 17th	For children in our Parish
July 18th	For those living on Fen Close, Bulphan
July 19th	For those living on Ridgwell Avenue, Orsett
July 20th	For those living on South Hill, Horndon
July 21st	For those living on Robinson Road, Horndon
July 22nd	For those suffering with financial problems
July 23rd	For those living on Sandown Road, Orsett
July 24th	For St Luke's and all hospices throughout the land
July 25th	For those who will not be able to take a summer holiday
July 26th	For those living on Randall Drive, Orsett
July 27th	For those living on Saffron Close, Horndon
July 28th	For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit
July 29th	For those living on Southview Cottages, Orsett
July 30th	For those living on Vincent Avenue, Horndon
July 31st	For the church musicians

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If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.  
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.  
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.  
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.  
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best  
anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.  
It was never between you and them anyway.

*Mother Teresa*

Since Half Term KS2 took part in the Borough Olympics. The children were all amazing! We were so proud of them for their grit and determination to win as many medals as possible. We're extremely proud to say we won 2nd place overall.



Year 6 attended the Leavers' Service at Chelmsford Cathedral. It was a lovely service made up of craft activities, learning about the cathedral, reflection on their time in primary school and collective worship. A special thanks to Mally for reading a prayer she had written on behalf of Orsett. The children are preparing for their transition week at their new secondary schools, and busy learning lines and songs for their end of year performance.



We've welcomed our new starters for September to 'Little Orsett' - all the children have been so confident and excited to come into school! Our Year 5 Buddies have been so amazing, we can't wait to see them be brilliant buddies all next year. We are looking forward to a few more 'Little Orsett' sessions where we get to know the new class even better ready for September.

Sports Day was a huge success. The children showed great determination and perseverance at all times! there were some really close races which were exciting to watch. Many thanks to families for joining us for



the picnic lunch and the afternoon. Well done to those adults who took part in their races! We hope no one was too bruised.



Yours sincerely,



Mr J Dickson  
Head of School



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It's been a lovely start back for the final half term of the year. We've welcomed our new Reception class for September to the school at our Teddy Bears' Picnic! The children were so confident and had a great time in our Reception class with their Year 5 Buddies - who were wonderful with them! It's always such a huge pleasure to see buddies together and how caring our older children are. We have also been trialling 'Little Bulphan' - an additional transition for our new children. It was lovely to see those children who could make it and build their confidence in being ready for school in September.

Before half term we held a Bake Sale to raise funds for Sepsis UK, in support of another Trust school, William Martin, in Harlow, who sadly lost a pupil from the school to sepsis last year. We're really pleased and proud to say our Bake Sale raised £146.70. It's so important to us to fundraise for charities, so we were really happy to be able to do this for an important charity.



Recently, we attended the KS2 Borough Olympics! Our athletes from across Middle School and Upper School were fantastic! They gave their all, were confident, worked well as a team and were brilliant cheer leaders for each other.

On Monday, our Year 6 children visited Chelmsford Cathedral to attend the Leavers Service run by the Diocese. It was a lovely event, made up of craft activities, moments for reflection and a collective act of worship at the end. We are leading up to the end of the year now which is a bittersweet time as the children move on, but we know how well they will do at secondary school with the firm foundations of their families, our school and our Christian Values.



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## VJ 80

VJ Day (15<sup>th</sup> August 1945) marked the end of WW2 with the Japanese surrender. To commemorate this following will be taking place in the parish, more details next month.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> : Horndon Methodist Church (Morning)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> (VJ Day) : Orsett Church (Lunchtime)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> : Bulphan Village Hall (Evening)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> : Commemoration Service Parade at the Burma Star Rose Garden, Hew Watt Close, Orsett. (Morning)



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Isaiah 53:4 says:-

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Noises intermingle on the hill: Pharisees mocking, swords clanging, and dying men groaning. Jesus scarcely speaks. When he does, diamonds sparkle against velvet. He gives his killers grace and his mother a son. He answers the prayer of a thief and asks for a drink from a soldier.

Then, at midday, darkness falls like a curtain. "At noon the whole country was covered with darkness, which lasted for three hours" (Matthew 27:45).

This is a supernatural darkness. Not a casual gathering of clouds or a brief eclipse of the sun. This is a three-hour blanket of blackness. Merchants in Jerusalem light candles. Soldiers ignite torches. The universe grieves. The sky weeps.

Christ lifts his heavy head and eyelids toward the heavens and spends his final energy crying out toward the ducking stars. "'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'" (Matthew 27:46).

We would ask the same. Why him? Why forsake your Son? Forsake the murderers. Desert the evildoers. Turn your back on perverts and peddlers of pain. Abandon them, not him. Why would you abandon earth's only sinless soul?

What did Christ feel on the cross? The icy displeasure of a sin-hating God. Why? Because he "carried our sins in his body" (1 Peter 2:24).

With hands nailed open, he invited God, "Treat me as you would treat them!" And God did. In an act that broke the heart of the Father, yet honoured the holiness of heaven, sin-purging judgement flowed over the sinless Son of the ages.

And heaven gave her finest gift: the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world.

My God, my God why did you abandon me?" Why did Christ scream those words? So you'll never have to.



**Gerald Toop**

# VJ Day 80 - The Forgotten Army

On May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945 people in the UK celebrated the end of the war in Europe, but it wasn't the end of the war. This wasn't to happen for another 99 days. What has been overlooked in our "wartime celebrations" is VJ Day (August 15<sup>th</sup>), the day the Japanese surrendered, effectively ending WW2. The 14<sup>th</sup> Army which was fighting in the Far East became regarded as The Forgotten Army. Their Commanding Officer General William (Bill) Slim has had a comment attributed to him; *"When you go home don't worry about what to tell your loved ones and friends about service in Asia. No one will know where you were, or where it is if you do. You are, and will remain "The Forgotten Army"*.

Many armed service personnel survived the conflict in Europe, only to be posted to the Far East, and not return. Everything was focused on Europe despite the way Japan overran The Far East after attacking Pearl Harbour on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1941 and the US declaring war. The fall of Singapore to the Japanese on the 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February 1942 was described by Churchill as *"the worst disaster and largest capitulation in British history"*. Thousands of Allied armed forces personnel and civilians were held captive by the Japanese and many forced to work on the notorious Burma railway, (which became known as the "Death Railway") treated appallingly, with many dying.

Despite all of this, it was the only time in WW2 when a Japanese field army was beaten. This was achieved despite the early defeats, unhealthy climate and administrative problems caused by different languages, feeding requirements and religions of what was the last great multi-racial army to fight under the British flag. One quality that is seen in this campaign is the enormous comradeship and sense of 'belonging' that united the British, Indian, Ghurkha, Burmese and African soldiers. They were indeed the great team of which General Slim, their leader, spoke so warmly.

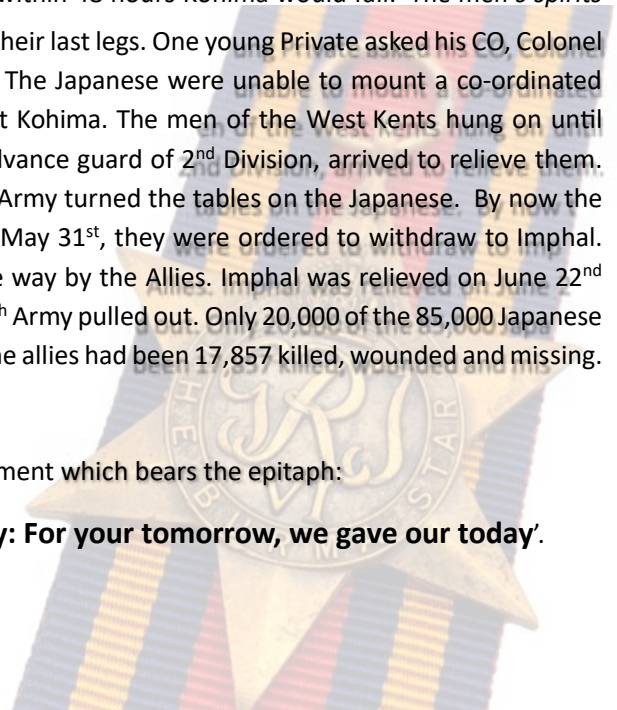
This truly multi-national British Army fought the Japanese through the jungles of Burma and Thailand. Possibly its greatest victory was the defence of Imphal and Kohima. The Japanese wanted to break into India and controlling Imphal and Kohima was key to this. Although there was time pressure. May was monsoon season and especially for the Japanese who had issues with re-supply wanted to get this done by mid-May, which the monsoon would have made very difficult.

It is something of an irony that when preparations for D-Day were underway the battle for Imphal and Kohima was in full flow. If these 2 far flung hill towns in the hills of eastern India had fallen to the Japanese, how it would have changed the course of WW2, cannot be determined, yet this battle is largely forgotten.

The commander at Kohima, had a force of about 1,200 men to resist the 12,000 Japanese jungle veterans, when the fighting began on March 30<sup>th</sup> 1944. By April 5<sup>th</sup> the Japanese had taken the road between Imphal and Kohima. The Japanese also arrived at Kohima on April 5<sup>th</sup>. On April 13<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> British Infantry Brigade broke through the Japanese lines en route to Kohima. But in those few days the situation at Kohima had become desperate. A message was sent to the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade that unless help arrived within 48 hours Kohima would fall: *'The men's spirits are all right but there aren't many of us left.'* By the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> the men holding Garrison Hill were on their last legs. One young Private asked his CO, Colonel Richards, *'When we die, sir, is that the end or do we go on?'* The Japanese were unable to mount a co-ordinated battalion-strength attack which would have spelled the end at Kohima. The men of the West Kents hung on until dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> when troops of the Royal Berkshires, the advance guard of 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, arrived to relieve them. With the relief arriving, slowly but surely the men of the 14<sup>th</sup> Army turned the tables on the Japanese. By now the Japanese had run out of time, supplies and ammunition. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, they were ordered to withdraw to Imphal. Exhausted and riddled with disease, they were harried all the way by the Allies. Imphal was relieved on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1944, after over 80 days of siege. Early in July, the Japanese 15<sup>th</sup> Army pulled out. Only 20,000 of the 85,000 Japanese who had come to invade India were left standing. The cost to the allies had been 17,857 killed, wounded and missing. Slim now had a springboard for the reconquest of Burma.

The dead at Kohima have their own simple and moving monument which bears the epitaph:

**'When you go home, tell them of us, and say: For your tomorrow, we gave our today'**



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# Mothers' UNION

## Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):

It was wonderful to be held in prayer last month during 18 – 20 June together with our wave of prayer link dioceses: Rejaf in South Sudan, Doko and Owo in Nigeria, the Military Episcopate in Kenya, and Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Each day our Diocesan President, Maxine, held a time of prayer on Zoom. Bishop Edward from Rejaf Diocese in South Sudan hoped to join us but the technology gremlins were against us!

Don't forget that you can join Midday Prayers on the MU Facebook page every day. Lucy will be leading on Friday 11 July.

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In war-torn regions of the Democratic Republic of Congo, mothers and families are being forced to flee violence. In fear for their lives, they often leave everything familiar behind - except for their children and a handful of seeds. These seeds are not just for survival. They are a symbol of faith, a sign that hope can still grow, even in the harshest conditions. This

summer, we invite you to take part in our Summer of Hope appeal — a season of giving, praying, planting and fundraising to support women who are rebuilding their lives through literacy, faith, and community. To make a donation, go to the Mothers' Union website: <https://www.mothersunion.org/donation>

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## Prayer Diary 2025: July

The theme for July in our 2025 Prayer Diary is 'Refreshment and Enrichment': This July, we consider families and the 'Away From It All' scheme that provide a vital break for those facing challenges. Holidays are important, as a way to recover from the busyness of our lives and to spend time with those we love. But we don't have to travel far to follow the long Christian tradition of a pilgrimage. Committing to undertake a sacred journey to meet with God is allowing ourselves to be refreshed and enriched by him. May we use this July to find ways to rest in the Lord, to reflect on experiences of his amazing grace and allow ourselves to be restored.

**Monthly Prayer:** *As we move into a month when many of us take a break from the regular routine of life, we pray that we will find sacred moments of rest and reflection, of refreshment for our weary souls. Thank you for the opportunity to pause, to breathe, and to be rejuvenated in your presence. As we journey through these days of respite, may our spirits be enriched by the beauty of your creation, the warmth of fellowship, and the joy of your love. Guide us to use this time wisely, to grow closer to you and to one another. In your holy name, Amen.*

**Creative Prayer:** Use this time in whatever way helps you to rest and connect with God. Look outside your window or take a walk. Look and listen to what is around you and discern what God may be saying to you. Remember the things that have gone well and the times when you felt truly blessed. Draw what that feels like. Where is God calling you to act? Try to sit in silence and notice what thoughts enter your mind. Actively ask God to show you what he has planned for you. You may like to record in a journal exactly what you feel God is saying to you.

Lucy Bubb, Mothers' Union contact.

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# FAMOUS PERSON IN JULY

## Amy Johnson

**1st July 1903 – 5th January 1941**

Born at 154 St George's Road, Hull, on 1 July 1903, Amy Johnson was the daughter of John William Johnson from the family firm of Andrew Johnson, Knudtson and Company, fish merchants. She was also the granddaughter of successful mill-owner William Hodge, who was Mayor of Hull in 1860.

Amy attended the Boulevard Municipal Secondary School, later known as Kingston High School, until she was almost nineteen and whilst there passed the entrance exam to study a BA degree in Economics at Sheffield University.

Before leaving Hull for university Amy began a relationship with Swiss businessman, Hans Arregger, and although she had hoped they would marry, the relationship broke down and Hans married another woman. Despite this, Hans kept Amy's letters for the rest of his life and in 1985 the Hull Local Studies Library purchased the 286 letters at auction for the City of Hull.

After completing her degree, Amy returned to Hull to undertake a secretarial course at Wood's College, which led to work as a shorthand typist and in November of 1926 she had her first taste of flying on a five shilling pleasure trip. She wrote to Hans: "...Mollie and I went up in the aeroplane. We both enjoyed it, but I would have liked to have done some stunts."

The following year she moved to London where there were more opportunities to find work and she eventually obtained a post at Crocker Solicitors which had prospects in the legal profession.

In September 1928 Amy began to take flying lessons at the London Aeroplane Club. After her first six lessons, she wrote home saying: "I have an immense belief in the future of flying," and from then on it became the most important thing in her life. Eager to work as a mechanic, Amy left her job at Crocker's to work full time at the de Havilland aerodrome. Within two years Amy became a qualified pilot and the first woman to qualify in Britain as a ground engineer.

In May 1930 Amy made a solo flight to Australia in a Gypsy Moth D.H.60 G-AAAH which she named Jason (the trademark of the Johnson family fish business). Although she failed to break Bert Hinkler's record, she was the first woman to complete the 11,000 mile trip, and as a result she was given considerable press coverage, the newspapers naming her "Queen of the air". She received telegrams of congratulation from across the world including King George V and Queen Mary and the British Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald.

When she returned to England she was presented with a CBE, gold medals from the Society of Engineers and the Royal Aero Club. The national newspaper *Daily Mail* had clinched the rights to her story for the sum of £10,000, which included a publicity tour, and as part of the deal "Jason" was presented to the nation for the Science Museum. Amy was also given a civic reception at the Guildhall in Hull, and whilst at a rally for young people at Hull City Hall Amy proposed that a special trophy be awarded to recognize any act of outstanding bravery by a Hull child. The Amy Johnson Gold Cup for Courage came into existence, paid for by golden sovereigns given to Amy by schoolchildren in Sydney, Australia. The cup is awarded annually to a Hull child under the age of 17 who displays courage of the highest order.

Further record flights followed, including London to Moscow with co-pilot Jack Humphreys in January 1931 and then Moscow to Tokyo. In 1932 she met and married the Scottish aviator Jim Mollison and in December of the same year she broke his record for a solo flight from England to South Africa, gaining the Segrave Trophy. In July 1933, the couple attempted a non-stop flight from England to New York via Canada. Their plane ran out of fuel just 50 miles from their destination and they both received minor injuries when the plane crashed. Despite this they were given a ticker-tape parade through New York.

In 1934 Amy and her husband made a record flight to Karachi in India as part of the Australia MacRobertson Air Race, but they had to withdraw from the full race. In 1936 Amy regained her record for a flight between London and Cape Town and the record for the fastest return flight.

In May 1940, Amy joined the women's section of the Air Transport Auxiliary flying both machines and men to wherever they were needed. On 5 January 1941 on a routine flight from Blackpool to RAF Kidlington (near Oxford) she went off course, possibly due to the poor weather and a suspected faulty compass. With fuel tanks running dry, she bailed out into the Thames estuary and although she was heard crying for help, the rescue attempt failed and her body was never recovered. She was officially presumed dead in December 1943.



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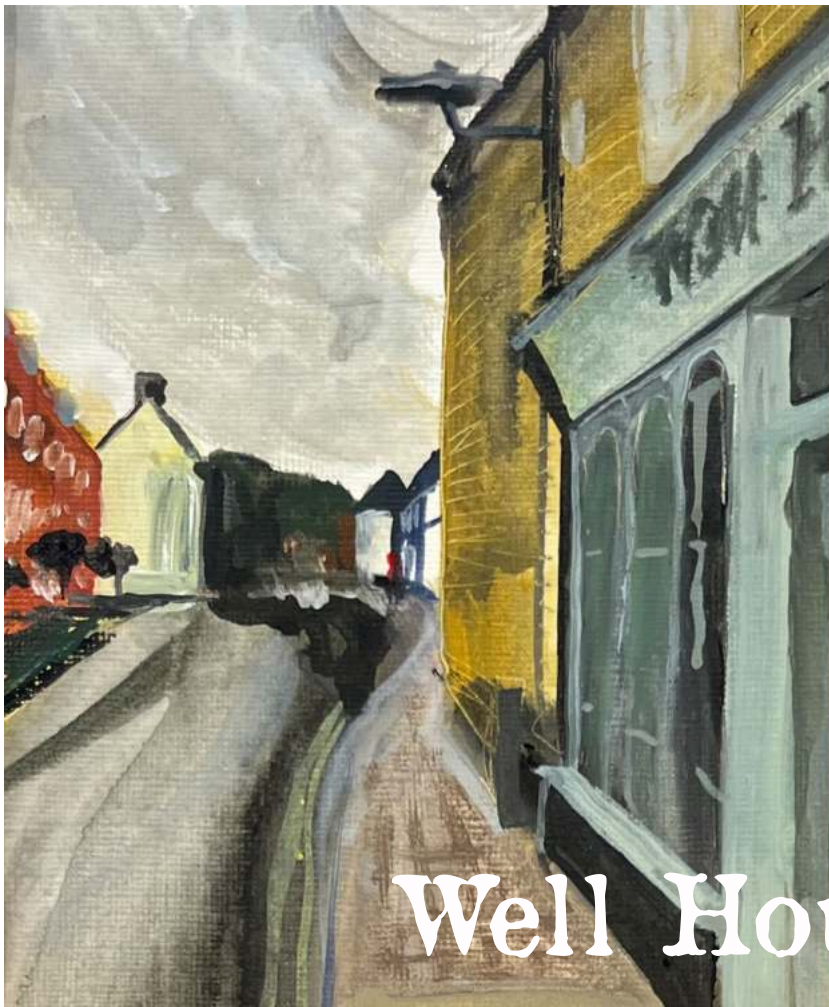


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At our June meeting we had a visit from Gavin Saunders of Essex Police to give us some insights on how to try to ensure we do not become victims of cyber-crime. From outlining the threat landscape to being aware of scams on Facebook and other sites, he left us saying 'if you don't trust it, don't use it'.

We also had a report from our delegate to our National Organisations' Annual Meeting. She told us that the Resolution for this year, Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers' had been passed with a huge majority in favour. At our 9 July meeting we will have a demonstration of Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation from First Responders. Please do consider coming along to the meeting, the skills that you learn that evening may help to save someone's life in future.

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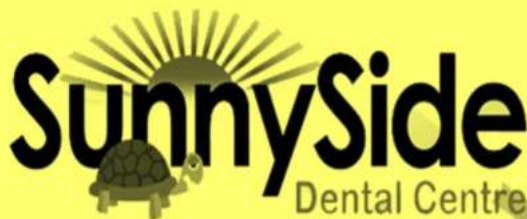
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