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**The parish magazine for
St. Peter and St. Paul. Horndon-on-the-Hill
St. Giles and All Saints. Orsett
St. Mary-the-Virgin. Bulphan**

August 2025

SERVICES – August 2025

	HORNDON	ORSETT	BULPHAN
Friday 1 st August		9-11.30am Oasis Café At Orsett Church	
Saturday 2 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	4pm Forest Church		
Sunday 3rd August <i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10am All Together Holy Communion Service		
Monday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 5 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 7 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 8 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café At Orsett Church	
Saturday 9 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 10th August <i>8th Sunday after Trinity</i>		8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service	
Monday 11 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 12 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments	2pm Holy Communion Service at The Whitecroft	
Thursday 14 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 15 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café At Orsett Church	
Saturday 16 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 17th August <i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>			8.45am CW Holy Communion Service 10am Holy Communion Service
	4pm Refresh Service		
Monday 18 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 19 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 21 st			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 22 nd		9-11.30am Oasis Café At Orsett Church	
Saturday 23 rd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 24th August <i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	8.45am BCP Holy Communion Service 10am Family Service		
Monday 25 th			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 26 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
	12noon Holy Communion Service		
Thursday 28 th			Open Church 10am-noon
Friday 29 th		9-11.30am Oasis Café At Orsett Church	
Saturday 30 th	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Sunday 31st August <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i>		10am All Together Holy Communion Service	
Monday 1 st September			Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments
Tuesday 2 nd	Open Church 10am-noon with refreshments		
Thursday 4 th			Open Church 10am-noon

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

Rector's Reflections

Earlier in the year, my husband and I went to see a show in London called 'The Curious Case of Benjamin Button.' It's a story about a man who is born at the end of his life, rather than at the beginning, and the relationship complications that arise as a result of this.

It was a great musical, made even better by the fact that the actors were also the band so, not only did they act, but they played their instruments live on stage, with some fantastic music.

Of course it was fictitious. In reality we all get older; none of us get any younger as Benjamin Button did!

One of the joys of ministry is the opportunity to spend time with people of all ages. On one day I will be sitting on the floor playing with toddlers at the Edward Bear Toddler Group and on another day leading a Holy Communion Service in a residential care home for the elderly.

The story of Benjamin Button is really one of someone searching for their place in the world, for the meaning in life. And it is something that most of us do at some stage, whether we are 8 years old or 88 years old.

I firmly believe that God has a purpose for us, whatever age we are, and he goes with each one of us wherever we go.

In July it was sad to see two of our young members of the Edward Bear Toddler Group leave us to go to school, but the time is right, and God will go with them as they begin in their respective Reception classes at their new schools.

Similarly, it was sad to see the Year 6 pupils from the 3 schools move on to pastures new, but again the time was right.

Wherever we are in life, and whatever age, God is there for us and, as Orsett and Bulphan's School Vision says,

'God's word is a lamp to guide our feet and a light for our path.' (Psalm 119:105)

And Horndon School's Vision statement is based upon the verse from 1 Corinthians 12:27, which says,

'All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.'

Each one of us is created in the image of God, and, as Phil Anderson said when he preached at one of our recent services, *'None of us are too old or beyond the reach of God and his love for us.'*

I hope we can all take encouragement from these verses from scripture.

Several people have been asking when my final service in the Parish will be. It will be on Sunday 31st August at 10am in Orsett Church. It would be lovely to see you if you are able to come along; you are all very welcome.

Take care and God bless,

Sue



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To arrange Weddings, please contact Rev. Sue Mann on 01375 891 254 or email: rectorsue@hobnob.org.uk



THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

20th July	Wrenley Ella Hard	(O)
27th July	William and Henry Scott	(B)

Weddings

5th July	Emma Leanne Bridges and Brett John Hudson	(H)
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Interments

12th July	Robert Frederick Brown (81)	(H)
2nd August	Roger John Pipe (81)	(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



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:

Mon 11th August - 7.30pm at Orsett Church
Sat 13th September - 12 noon at Horndon Church (**CANCELLED**)
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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Bulphan Churchwarden's Report

We owe a huge thank you to Bulphan in Bloom for their continued dedication to our beautiful churchyard.

Thanks to their tireless efforts, the grounds remain a vibrant and welcoming space for all who visit. Each year, they brighten the winter months with pansies, then refresh the beds in spring and summer with colourful geraniums, ensuring the churchyard looks its best in every season.

However, we are aware that Bulphan in Bloom have other commitments (namely the rest of Bulphan!) and have therefore reached out to the Community Payback team in order to use their services to keep the bulk of the grounds tidy. This will allow the Bulphan in Bloom team to focus on other parts of the village requiring their help. We're currently completing Risk Assessments before we can get the team on site.

Following Frank's report last month, we'd like to provide an update regarding the structural condition of the floor joists near the main entrance. Upon further inspection, it became evident that the joists have deteriorated significantly - likely due to moisture ingress, and inadequate below floor ventilation. This has resulted in noticeable movement and instability in the flooring, raising safety concerns for anyone entering the building.

We've contacted our architect to assess the situation in detail and have asked Phil M to investigate the root cause and recommend remedial works. This will likely involve lifting sections of the flooring, replacing damaged joists, and improving ventilation to prevent future issues. As this work is complex and requires careful planning, it will take time to complete properly.

In the interim, we've called upon Colin L and Kevin H, who have kindly stepped in to carry out temporary repairs. Their work includes reinforcing the affected area with additional timber joists, securing loose boards, and ensuring the entrance remains safe and accessible for all visitors.

We extend our sincere thanks to Colin and Kevin for their swift response and generosity in helping us - quite literally - out of a hole! Their efforts have made a real difference while we await the full repair works.

We recently hosted Bulphan School's end-of-year service at the church. It was a pleasure to welcome students and staff for this annual event. We wish all those moving on to secondary school the very best in their next steps, and hope everyone enjoys a well-earned summer break.

God Bless

Alastair

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St. Peter and St. Paul Horndon on the Hill

Churchwarden's Musings

Hello all,

Firstly, Thank you all so much for all your hard work over the weekend of the Feast and Fayre this year. It was very successful and we had hundreds of people come into the church to see the flower displays, sample our refreshments and listen to the music. We were very lucky this year to have a large group of singers from the Buskerteers choirs from around the county perform for us on the Sunday. It was wonderful to see the enjoyment they have singing and performing.

We often hear on the news and from friends and family about our poor NHS. Well I cannot praise them enough for their service over the past few weeks having had a knee replacement. From going to see the village doctor to the physios that I am now seeing, their service has been impeccable, and this has all been within 7 weeks. THANK YOU NHS.

As the schools finish for the summer holidays, we wish children, parents and of course teachers a well earned break.

Our Tuesday and Saturday Open Church from 10 am-12 noon will remain open all through the summer, so do come along and avail yourself of a cake and drink all for free, and of course my £2 bacon rolls are a bargain!!!

Its a great place to make new friends and meet up with old ones. The sound of laughter and chatter is wonderful to hear each session. If you would like a lift to either of these days do phone me 01375 674212.

Well that's about it. Have a great Summer.

God Bless

Sonia Ward

Churchwarden



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HORNDON-ON-THE-HILL

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At 8.00pm on the last Tuesday
each month except in December.

New members welcome
Enquiries to the Secretary
Sec.hothrbl@hotmail.com



ORSETT CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT



We hope you have been managing to stay cool, calm and collected during the recent spells of extremely hot weather. One benefit of having old churches with thick walls is they keep nice and cool during the summer months – another good reason to visit any of our open church events.



Those eagle eyed visitors to St Giles can't fail to notice the absence of our brass eagle lectern. But please don't worry, it has not been stolen, it is on a long term loan to St Michael's, Fobbing. The transportation of which was achieved by 2 very able removal men, lots of blankets, rope and a very sturdy sack barrow.

We would like to extend our thanks to all who helped or attended our pudding evening last month. Various desserts were tasted but the best appetite has to go to Peter Woodard who managed to eat 8 and even had room for cheese and biscuits! The best loved pudding was Jackie Firman's spotted dick, congratulations Jackie. Various items were also up for auction which helped us raise a total of £463.

Orsett School provided yet another superb service, celebrating Year 6 leavers who are all moving on to secondary school in September, where each pupil was given a bible donated by Lord Wharton's Bible Charity. We wish them all the best for their future.

A reminder that the Oasis Café will again be moving to the church building during the 6 week holiday starting from 25th July. All the usual refreshments will be on offer and we hope to see you there.

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Christine and David Mortimer



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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 August are as follows:

August 3 rd	6:30 pm	Rev Max Blake
August 10 th	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
August 17 th	6:30 pm	Rev Fiona Smith
August 25 th	6:30 pm	Lee Woodward
August 31 st	6:30 pm	Peter Crosby

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

The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan

Table Top Sale

on Saturday 20th September 2025

12 noon to 4pm at

Orsett Churches Centre, High Road, Orsett. RM16 3ER

If you would like to book a table the cost is £15 please contact Christine Mortimer on 01375 641485.

There will also be tea, coffee, bacon rolls and cake on offer.

Please come along and support this event.

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The Parish of Horndon, Orsett and Bulphan



Please help raise funds for our churches

Thank you to everyone who has already donated coins or notes.

Since August 2021 we have raised, for church funds

£2,210.57

Please ask friends, family and work colleagues if they have any unwanted coins or notes.

Donations can be taken to one of our churches or you can email Lynda at l.robertson@hobnob.org.uk and she can arrange collection.

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Would you consider donating to support the work of the Parish and help us maintain our three churches?

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Minister: Reverend Fiona Smith

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All are welcome to our services and other activities.

Services August 2025 Sunday 10:30am Worship unless stated otherwise

3 rd August	Mrs Suzanne Stubbs	
10 th August	Revd Fiona Smith	Holy Communion
17 th August	Local Arrangement	
24 th August	Ms Colleen Weedon	
31 st August	Local Arrangement	

Ordination of Revd Fiona Smith We are very pleased to celebrate with our Minister, Revd Fiona, upon her ordination. This took place on the 29th June at a service at St Chad's Church Shrewsbury led by the President of Methodist Conference after she was 'Welcomed into Full Connexion' (a Methodist phrase for being recognised as a fully trained Methodist Minister) in the morning during a service at Methodist Conference.



Feast and Fayre As always, the Church and Hall were open over the sizzling weekend of the Feast and Fayre. The church was beautifully decorated with flower arrangements and the organ played. A display of the Church – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow was held together with testimonies from some of the members of our congregation on what it means for them to be a Christian today.



The Hall was busy with those wishing to take refreshments and a break from touring the village. A stall was also set up for any who wanted to have a chat and take advantage of some Christian literature etc. In the car park we had stalls with a wide a range of bric a brac and homemade cakes and preserves.

Quiz On 5th July we held a quiz excellently hosted by Stuart and Pat Cameron. The evening was great fun accompanied with the usual cries of 'oh of course – I knew that!' Proceeds will be donated to Methodist Homes for the Aged.

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.

A Special Community Cuppa and Chat morning will be held on the **14th August** to mark the **80th Anniversary of VJ Day**. The morning will be accompanied by music and entertainment. Please feel welcome to come and share any stories and memorabilia of that day and period.



PRAYER DIARY

Some thoughts to include in your daily prayers

August 1st	For the Parish of Orsett, Bulphan & Horndon-on-the-Hill
August 2nd	For those whose holidays have had to be cancelled this month
August 3rd	For humanitarian organisations here and abroad
August 4th	For those living in Baker Street in Orsett
August 5th	For Reverend Sue and Reverend Max
August 6th	For those living in The Spinney in Orsett
August 7th	For those living in South Hill Crescent in Horndon
August 8th	For our own personal needs
August 9th	For those living in Church Lane in Bulphan
August 10th	For those living in Mill Lane, Horndon
August 11th	For our Parochial Church Council
August 12th	For members of our congregations who live in Grays
August 13th	For those living in Prince Charles Avenue in Orsett
August 14th	For St Luke's Hospice & all carers
August 15th	For those living in Albert Road in Bulphan
August 16th	For physicians, health care professionals and the front line workers
August 17th	For those in crisis of faith
August 18th	For those living in Gordon Road in Horndon
August 19th	For those living in the High Road in Horndon
August 20th	For the work of Chelmsford Cathedral
August 21st	For those living in Penn Close in Orsett
August 22nd	For those living in Orsett Road in Horndon
August 23rd	For those living in Church Road in Bulphan
August 24th	For those living in The Green in Orsett
August 25th	For those living in Victoria Road, Horndon
August 26th	For our twin dioceses in Romania, Sweden, Kenya & Trinidad & Tobago
August 27th	For those living on Doesgate Lane, Bulphan
August 28th	For those living on Rectory Road, Orsett
August 29th	For those living on Orsett Road, Orsett
August 30th	For our friends and neighbours
August 31st	For family living abroad

Alone with none but thee, my God,
I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near
O king of night and day?

More safe am I within thy hand
Than if a host did round me stand.

— *St Columba*

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VJ 80 IN THE PARISH

Victory over Japan (VJ) Day, 15th August 1945 marked the end of WW2, with the Japanese surrender.

To commemorate this, following will be taking place in the parish.

Thursday 14th

Horndon Methodist Church – Coffee morning 10 am to Noon

VJ Day Friday 15th

Orsett Church - Buffet Lunch from 1130 to 2 pm

With music and displays of the era

Will include the national two-minute silence 12 noon

Bulphan Village Hall

Church bells ring at 6.30pm: come along help to ring

Cash bar opens 7pm at Bulphan Village Hall

Bluegrass band The One Tree Hillbillies from 8.30pm

Beacon-lighting at 9.30pm in the recreation ground at the village hall

Bar closes 10.30pm.

Saturday 16th

Annual VJ Day Commemoration Parade

Burma Star Rose Garden, Hew Watt Close, Orsett - 1030 am

Followed by refreshments at Orsett Masonic Hall, Rectory Road, Orsett

Any one with memories or stories of the day are welcome to any event



***When you go home tell them of us and say;
for your tomorrow we gave our today***

Kohima Epitaph

Allied Prisoners of War Leaflet Drop

This is a scan of a leaflet dropped by the RAF in August 1945 over Burma, advising allied prisoners of war, that the war had ended. The interesting part is the expected behaviour advised to Japanese soldiers and how to treat POWs.

日本。陸海空軍は全部 聯合
國に降伏し、日本天皇陛下も
この降伏條件に御親署され
せられたので太平洋戦争は
これを以て終了した。

この傳單の上には日本軍の捕
虜となつた聯合國側の兵士と
抑留された聯合國人民に對する
聯合國當局の指令があり、即ち
日本軍抑留下にある聯合國・將
兵及び人民は須く各自の現位置
に止まり、冷靜沈着に聯合國軍
當局の今後の命令を待つべし。

日本の衛兵諸君はこの傳單を入手
した時、直ちに收容中の聯合國將
兵及び人民に渡し、彼等に対し
は出来得べく親切を以て取扱
はれたし。衛兵諸君はこの傳單
を渡した後、即時各自の宿營地
に歸還すべし。

IN accordance with the terms of the surrender of all Japanese forces signed by His Majesty the Emperor the war has now come to an end.

These leaflets contain our instructions to Allied prisoners of war and internees whom we have told to remain quiet where they are.

Japanese guards are to ensure that the prisoners get these leaflets and that they are treated with every care and attention. Guards should then withdraw to their own quarters.

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TO ALL ALLIED PRISONERS OF WAR

THE JAPANESE FORCES HAVE SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY
AND THE WAR IS OVER

WE will get supplies to you as soon as is humanly possible and will make arrangements to get you out but, owing to the distances involved, it may be some time before we can achieve this.

YOU will help us and yourselves if you act as follows:—

- (1) Stay in your camp until you get further orders from us.
- (2) Start preparing nominal rolls of personnel, giving fullest particulars.
- (3) List your most urgent necessities.
- (4) If you have been starved or underfed for long periods DO NOT eat large quantities of solid food, fruit or vegetables at first. It is dangerous for you to do so. Small quantities at frequent intervals are much safer and will strengthen you far more quickly. For those who are really ill or very weak, fluids such as broth and soup, making use of the water in which rice and other foods have been boiled, are much the best. Gifts of food from the local population should be cooked. We want to get you back home quickly, safe and sound, and we do not want to risk your chances from diarrhoea, dysentery and cholera at this last stage.
- (5) Local authorities and/or Allied officers will take charge of your affairs in a very short time. Be guided by their advice.

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0775 283 6902

or
janetmcc101@gmail.com

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on:
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Data Centres and Our Digital & Carbon Footprint

I happened to hear part of BBC Radio 4's Rare Earth's episode 'Powering Our Robot Overlords' recently <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002dc92> - it was fascinating.

Data centres are being built in vast numbers around the world. In the UK, Amazon has announced plans to invest £8bn over the next five years building new datacentres, £3bn has been spent in the UK by Amazon's cloud computing business since 2020 and Google is spending millions on a new centre in Hertfordshire. Digital Reef are planning to build the controversial East Havering Data Centre on our doorstep.

Data handling is necessary because we're storing more of it and making more complex internet searches. The energy cost is so huge that some big tech companies are commissioning their own nuclear power stations. Each data centre requires energy to run and vast quantities of water to cool it, at a significant environmental cost. Google's greenhouse gas emissions have increased by nearly 50% in the past five years, largely due to the energy demands of Artificial Intelligence.

How can we control the demand for data centres?

Every time we visit a website, stream a TV show, use social media or join a video call, we're using energy. Modern smart devices (such as fitness trackers, security cameras, doorbells, fridges, washing machines ...) collect data. Saving documents & photos on the cloud means storing information at data centres. This leaves a heavy footprint on the physical environment.

If we use digital technology more efficiently we can reduce our environmental impact and cut demand for data centres. Here are some suggestions from Which? <https://www.which.co.uk/news/article/the-online-world-has-a-real-life-environmental-impact-heres-how-to-reduce-it-aMv5Q2k1msgt>

1. **Cut down social media use**
2. **Reduce streaming**
3. **Reduce video calls** - The carbon footprint of our video calls increases with the number of participants on the call as well as by having your camera turned on. Switch off your camera unless you NEED to be seen.
4. **Manage emails** – unsubscribe from marketing emails, delete old emails, limit attachments, keep your email signature small
5. **Avoid cloud storage** – save documents and photos on your local computer or a physical hard drive.
6. **Avoid AI** - a ChatGPT query uses around 10 times more energy than a standard search query.

Stag Beetle

When I went to the bin this morning, I picked up some rubbish I dropped and was shocked to see this 5cm mini-beast! This is the second time we have found a Stag Beetle in The Rectory garden - the last time was around 3 years ago.

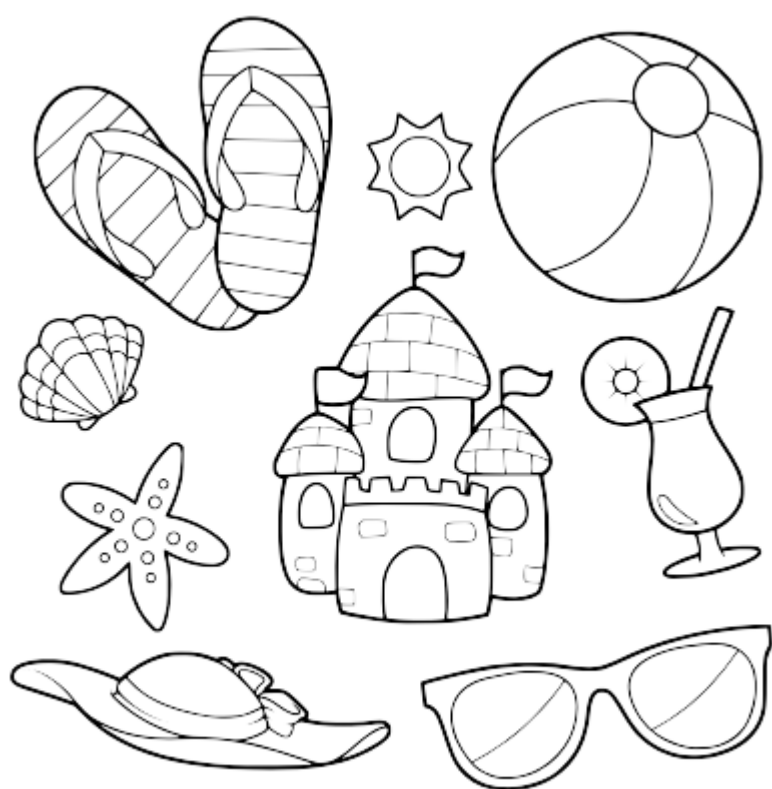
We have been keen to create bug-friendly habitats by leaving lawn perimeters uncut, building log piles, and leaving corners to grow wild.

Philip Mann

Ecology & Social Justice Action Group



August





COMMUNITY INFORMATION FOR HORNDON - ORSETT - BULPHAN

POLICE at Grays

Community Officer: PC Javier Rodriguez-Perez
email: thurrockcommunitypolicingteam@essex.police.uk 101 or 999

DOCTORS

**Horndon-on-the-Hill
Orsett & Bulphan
Bulphan**

(Orsett Surgery) 01375 642 362
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01277 811 770

LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Mr Barry Johnson 07831 609714
Mr David Day 07355 924 361

LOCAL MP

James McMurdock

Email: james.mcmurdock.mp@parliament.uk
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

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MOTHERS' UNION

Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union (CDMU):



What a lovely day we had at the Commissioning Service at the end of June, especially admitting Bishop Adam (Bishop of Bradwell) as a member and hearing of his great enthusiasm for MU. All of the trustees and our new Chaplain, Revd Ruth, were commissioned.

This month we will be celebrating Mary Sumner Day on Saturday 9 August. Mary Sumner was the founder of the Mothers' Union. We will be having a service at Waltham Abbey at 2.30pm followed by refreshments – everyone is welcome to come along!

Don't forget that you can join Midday Prayers on the MU Facebook page every day. Lucy will be leading on Saturday 23 August.

Summer of Hope – Sow seeds of strength, faith and resilience



**"Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy."**
– Psalm 126:5
Join us this Summer to support
women in crisis-hit communities



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>

Away From It All (AFIA)



Away From It All (AFIA) is a Mothers' Union holiday scheme, primarily funded by our members, to give the opportunity of a break to those who may be experiencing stress or difficulties in their family life. Here in Chelmsford diocese, alongside our existing holiday offer, we are now offering days out for families that are struggling financially, particularly those needing to access local foodbanks. We have suggested such places as Adventure Island in Southend with entry and a meal, Colchester Zoo or, a bit further afield a day out in London. Other ideas from the Leadership Conference, also included a trip to the pantomime later in the year. Please consider whether there are any families that might benefit from this option within your parish. Our new day-out referral form is available from our AFIA rep (afia@muchelmsford.org.uk).

Prayer Diary 2025: August



The theme for August in our 2025 Prayer Diary is 'Mary Sumner Day': Mary Sumner Day is on 9th August, leaving us with a model to follow, exemplified in her prayer, 'All this day O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee, and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live. Amen.' Mothers' Union began with the small seed of Mary Sumner's vision and obedience to God; nearly one hundred and fifty years later we've grown into the huge international organisation that is Mothers' Union today. Let each one of us follow Mary Sumner's lead and support one another in prayer and

action.

Monthly Prayer: *Loving Lord, we give you thanks for the vision of our founder as we celebrate her special day this month. Prayer is the foundation of Mothers' Union and we pray for confidence and faithfulness to build on Mary Sumner's legacy and all that has been achieved so far. As we support one another through prayer, may we touch many lives for God through our prayers, our words and our actions. Amen.*

Creative Prayer: Take a sweet in a wrapper. As you eat the sweet, keep the wrapper handy. As you taste its sweetness, thank God for the good things in your life and the world. Still with the sweet taste in your mouth, look at the wrapper. You are shortly going to dispose of it, but before you do, think of and pray for the many people in the world and society at large who feel discarded by society. Through Mothers' Union, we can reach out in love to those less fortunate than ourselves, just as our founder Mary Sumner did.

Lucy Bubb, Mothers' Union contact.



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Teaching Pool
Grays RM16 2JU
8.00pm - 9.00pm

Friday:
Corringham Leisure Centre
Swimming Pool
Corringham SS17 7NB
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12.20pm-13.15pm

Please contact a Committee Member before attending your first session
so you know what to expect.
Sharon: 07792 827638 for Laindon
Kay-Anne: 07899 745020 for Corringham
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FAMOUS PERSON IN AUGUST

Sir Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield

28th August 1919 - 12th August 2004

Sir Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield was born in Newark, Nottinghamshire and died in Kingston upon Thames. He was an English electrical engineer who shared the 1979 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine with Allan Cormack for his part in developing the diagnostic technique of computerized axial tomography (CAT), or computerized tomography (CT). In this technique, information obtained from X-rays taken by scanners rotating around the patient are combined by a computer to yield a high-resolution image of a slice of the body.



After studying electronics and radar as a member of the Royal Air Force during World War II and at Faraday House Electrical Engineering College in London, Hounsfield joined the research staff of EMI Ltd. in 1951. He led the design team that built the first all-transistor computer in Great Britain, the EMIDEC 1100, in 1958–59. Later, while investigating the problem of pattern recognition, he developed the basic idea of CAT.

Hounsfield extended the capability of a computer so that it could interpret X-ray signals so as to form a two-dimensional image of a complex object such as the human head. He pursued the application of axial tomography to medical diagnosis, building a prototype head scanner and then a body scanner at EMI.

Computers soon evolved to the stage needed for processing the signals from the scanners at the same rate they were obtained, and in 1972 the first clinical test of CAT scanning was performed successfully.

For his work Hounsfield received numerous awards in addition to the Nobel Prize, and he was knighted in 1981.

HORNDON ON THE HILL'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

2025 is the 500th anniversary of Horndon's Woolmarket building and the volunteer flower arrangers decided that this was a good theme to follow for the flower festival in St Peter & St Paul's church.

Ideas flowed and thanks to the generous donations from parishioners and also a generous donation of flowers from Danielle of Beans & Blooms, North Hill, we were able to stage another fantastic flower festival.

Thanks must go to the arrangers who gave their time and talents to make this wonderful display of floral art. Each year it seems to get better!



Welcome to the Flower Festival!



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Henry VIII and his wives



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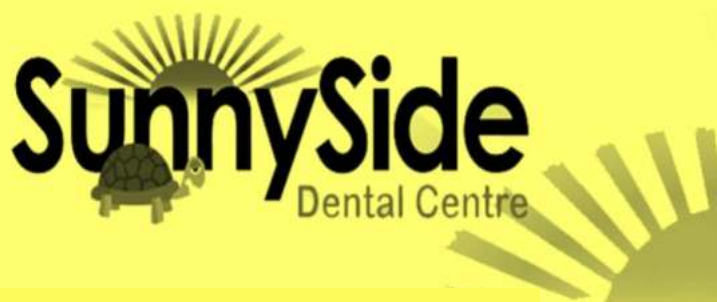
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